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GERMAN SEIZURE OF CONTROL AT DAKAR

Invasion Ports Battered

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Saturday night's battering of the invasion ports on the French coast was carried out by waves of R.A.F. bombers and developed into one of the heaviest air attacks of the war.

This gigantic assault followed the Air Ministry announcement that the Rhineland industrial centre of Cologne had been left in fiery ruins by the British bombing attack of the previous night.

Dover reports the heaviest explosions yet heard from the French coast, which rattled doors and windows in Kent coast towns. Tremendous bomb flashes were seen across the Channel, lighting the clear, starry sky.

IT IS PRESUMED THAT THE BRITISH RAIDERS, WHICH NUMBERED OVER 100, WERE USING POWERFUL NEW SUPER-BOMBS.

Heaviest blows appeared to be centred on Dunkirk but Boulogne was also lashed and German long-range artillery in the Gris Nez region was heavily pounded.—International News Service.

AUSTRALIA NOT TO BE OVERAWED

Australia would not be overawed by any menace in the Pacific, declared Sir Frederick Stewart, Commonwealth Minister for External Affairs, in a speech in Sydney yesterday.

He said: "We may want peace but if any nation thinks it can profit by our preoccupation elsewhere I can say Australia is ready and able to defend herself."

"I cannot accept with equanimity Mr. Matsuo's statement that he intends to work in the closest union with Germany." — Reuter.

ACCORDING TO ROME

British positions have been attacked at Basra by Iraqi rebels and fierce fighting is in progress, according to Rome radio yesterday quoting unconfirmed reports.

HITLER CHECK ON FURTHER HESS-CAPADES

Hitler has banned his associates from travelling, even for private purposes, with the result that Goering has had to abandon a hunting trip which he had planned.

This is one of the consequences of Hess's flight, says the Stockholm correspondent of the Independent French Agency reporting the ban. — Reuter.

Key Positions In Port Occupied

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GERMAN SEIZURE OF PORT FACILITIES, AERODROMES AND PART OF THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICES OF THE FRENCH WEST AFRICAN PORT OF DAKAR, WAS REPORTED LAST NIGHT BY USUALLY RELIABLE FRENCH SOURCES IN LONDON.

Some of the best and most modern ships of the French Navy are reported to be anchored in harbour at Dakar, the African port nearest to South America.

The report of Germany's partial occupation of Dakar coincides with press messages describing the influx of

German army, navy and air force officers and "technicians" into the Senegalese port.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Senator Claude Pepper is still suggesting American seizure of Dakar as a counter to French collaboration with the Axis.

Use Of Bases

Senator Pepper's proposal followed disclosure that the German agreement with the Vichy regime, as received by the U.S. Government, includes a provision for the use of French naval and air bases in Africa, as well as Europe.

Senator Reynolds urged caution in talks of seizing Dakar by force but suggested that negotiations be opened immediately to buy French possessions in the western hemisphere, including the Caribbean island of Martinique. — International News Service.

SURPRISE MOVE BY SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Soviet Russia, in a surprise move, has closed to diplomats and all other foreigners, certain areas in the Black Sea and Caspian oil fields, the Central Asiatic Republics and the Far East and northern frontiers.

The order, interpreted in diplomatic circles in Moscow as the forerunner of an important Russian move, was circulated among the Moscow Diplomatic Corps by the Soviet Foreign Office.

It also prohibits travel anywhere in the U.S.S.R. except on special permission.

It is announced that notice of the route to be travelled, destination and duration of the journey, must be supplied to the Soviet Foreign Office before such permission can be obtained. — International News Service.

GERMANS RETAKE HEIGHTS ABOVE SOLLUM

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent With Advanced British forces near Sollum)
THE GERMANS HAVE REGAINED SOME OF THE POSITIONS THE BRITISH CAPTURED ON THURSDAY.

They succeeded in re-gathering the force which had been scattered by the daring British thrust and, employing infinitely heavier armed forces, they re-occupied the heights above Sollum.

A famous British regiment still holds positions in the coastal plain near Sollum, however.

The situation on top of the escarpment is not clear but it appears likely the Germans have been unable to recapture all their former positions, and it is said their present position leaves them vulnerable to attack on their right flank. — Reuter.

MAKING RUN FOR IT

Five German ships carrying important cargoes of coal supplies, left Chilean ports on Saturday.

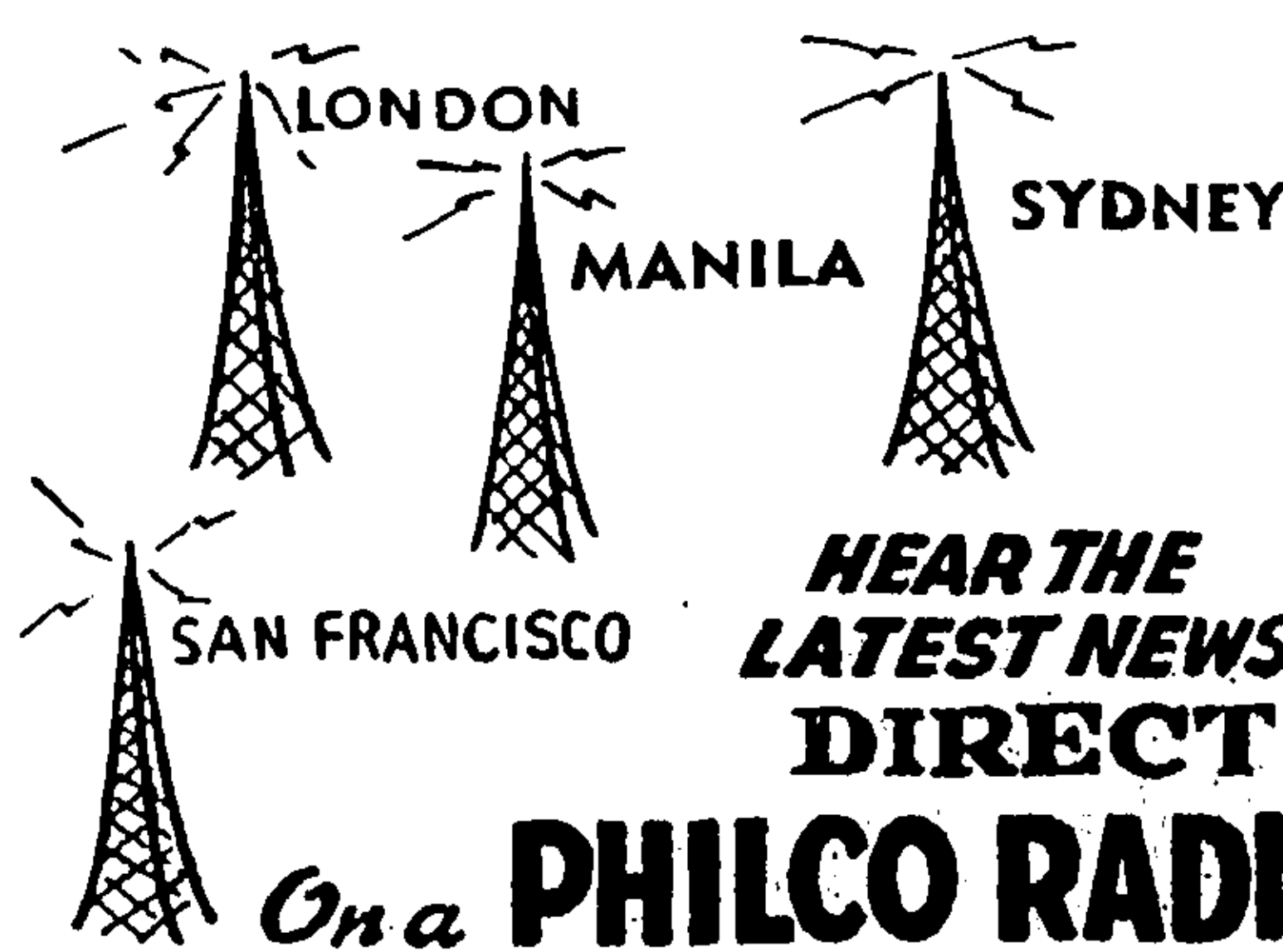
They were the "Rakholis" from Antofagasta, the "Quito" and "Bogota" from Coquimbo, the "Frankfurt" from Talcahuano, and the

Invasion Of Palestine Reported

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Baghdad radio announcement picked up in London claimed that the Iraqis have invaded Palestine. Apparently driving through Transjordan and crossing the Jordan River along a route paralleling the Mosul-Haifa pipeline, Iraqi troops were said by Baghdad to have penetrated Palestine, as far as Nablus, which is only 25 miles inland from the Mediterranean coast and only 40 miles north of Jerusalem. — International News Service.

"Erlanger" from Puerto Monte. The British armed merchantman "Laguna" left Antofagasta pursuing the "Rakholis". — Reuter.



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Discussing Terms Of Surrender At Amba Alagi

MAIN DEFENCE NOW COMPLETELY SURROUNDED

DESPITE HEAVY MISTS AND CLOUD SURROUNDING THE TOWERING HEIGHTS OF AMBA ALAGI, SOUTH AFRICAN AND PATRIOT FORCES FROM THE SOUTH AND BRITISH TROOPS FROM THE NORTH HAVE SUCCEEDED IN COMPLETELY SURROUNDING THE MAIN ENEMY FORTIFICATION.

Splendid work has been done by the British artillery, as well as the South African and Rhodesian Air Forces and the R.A.F., all of which have played an important part in the success of our land forces.

At 8.15 on Friday morning a representative of a section of Italian junior officers asked to be allowed to discuss terms of surrender. We agreed to talk with him provided he was speaking for the Duke of Aosta.

The order to cease fire was arranged for 6 p.m. and if the terms were not accepted, fire would be recommenced at 9.15 p.m.

It is not yet known in Khartoum what transpired after the cease fire.

With the fall of Dessie and the imminent fall of Amba Alagi, the one remaining point of Italian resistance will be Gondar, against which our pressure will be increased by the release of troops from elsewhere.

Question Of Time

Should the Duke of Aosta submit to the terms of surrender it would have a demoralising effect on the other Italian commanders still holding out.

In any case it is only a question of a short time before all Italians are rounded up in Abyssinia, leaving only small scattered bands (native levies), Italian colonials and deserters roaming the countryside as bandits.

The Duke of Aosta's move to seek terms of surrender does not necessarily mean that the whole Abyssinian campaign will be ended immediately, according to the view in London, says Reuter's military correspondent.

On Hitler's Orders

While the Duke doubtless sees that further resistance in the Amba Alagi area is useless, no mention is made of the other two centres of Italian resistance—the Gondar district, south-west of Amba Alagi, and the lakes districts, which are about 200 miles south of Addis Ababa.

It is thought probable that following Hitler's instructions to continue resistance as long as possible in forces diverted from their real object—Libya—the Duke will not call off resistance in the Gondar and lakes areas.

67,000 Left

IT IS NOT KNOWN WHAT THE EXACT STRENGTH OF THE ITALIAN FORCES IN ABYSSINIA IS. ABOUT A WEEK AGO IT WAS ESTIMATED THERE WERE ABOUT 33,000 ITALIAN AND 36,000 NATIVE TROOPS BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THEIR DISPOSITION.

If the vast majority have been engaged in the Amba Alagi area it is likely that the surrender of the Italian forces there will result in operations being brought to a close quietly in other districts.—Reuter.

SOVIET PACT WITH IRAQ

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The B.B.C. reported yesterday that Russia and Iraq have signed a diplomatic and commercial pact.—International News Service.

A DRESS FIT FOR A QUEEN

Mrs. Rose Cain, mother of Buster, youngest George Medal hero, packed away the potatoes and cabbages at her street stall at Dalston, E., and took a bus to the Queen's dressmakers in the West End.

There she was fitted with a beautiful coat and dress which she will wear when, with Buster, she goes to Buckingham Palace.

At an East London tailors Buster Cain, sixteen-year-old cheeky-faced Cockney, was fitted for a new suit for the occasion.

Both Mrs. Cain's dress and Buster's suit came from anonymous donors.

Mrs. Cain and her son—in the midst of mourning Mr. Cain, who died without knowing of his son's medal—had spent anxious hours wondering how they could afford clothes for the investiture.

"Whistle And Flute"

He had never worn a collar and tie in his life. He has always been used to a "choker" or muffler.

"Crikey," he said, fingering his collar, "I'll never get used to this."

He and his mother chose dark clothes.

"It wouldn't be right to have a light suit," said Buster. "We've got to think of dad's funeral."

When he heard about the gift Buster whistled and said: "Coo, I've been worrying about a 'whistle and flute' all the week."

"Whistle and flute" is rhyming slang for "suit."

Mrs. Cain said: "Fancy me at the Court dressmaker's! I wish dad had lived to see this."

"Everyone has been so kind. We have had dozens of letters and Buster has had offers of jobs."

Buster said: "I shan't half be a toff, mum. But they won't half pull my leg down at the market when they see me in this collar and tie."

He has had many letters from admiring girls, some of whom have enclosed their photographs. "Pooh, girls don't worry me," says Buster.

SCHOOL FEES UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The S.M.C. Education Board has raised school fees in all Municipal schools in Shanghai from September 1.—International News Service.

NO RAIDS ON BRITAIN LAST EVENING

Up to a late hour last night there were no reports of German aircraft over Britain since dusk, says Reuter.

Role Of Bulgaria

The Bulgarian War Minister, General Daskaloff, has left by air for Berlin, according to an Istanbul despatch to the Independent French news agency.

He will discuss with the Germans the general mobilisation in Bulgaria of all men up to the age of 50, says the report.

The Germans are withdrawing troops from Greece and want to extend the zone occupied by Bulgarian troops.—Reuter.

THE CROAT BARGAIN

MATERIALS IN EXCHANGE FOR COMPULSORY LABOUR SERVICE, WAS THE BARGAIN STRUCK BY BETWEEN PAVELITCH, THE CROAT LEADER AND "FUEHRER," WITH THE NAZI AUTHORITIES, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE INFORMATION REACHING AUTHORITY CROAT CIRCLES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

The despatch of 55,000 labourers to Germany was part of the barter plan, it is asserted. In return, Croatia gets ersatz goods.

It is also stated that capital punishment has been introduced in Croatia for printing or spreading "seditious" leaflets, economic sabotage and strikes.—Reuter.

NEW AIR LETTER SERVICE

A new air letter service from troops in the Middle East to Britain was inaugurated by General Wavell in a message to General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, beginning "My dear Jack" and signed "Yours ever, Archie Wavell."

General Wavell says the service will mean a lot to a great many people and hopes it will be possible to keep it up regularly.—Reuter.



FREE FRENCH TROOPS OPERATING IN THE BARDIA AREA.—Picture from the Western Desert showing Free French forces, contributing their part for the arms of democracy. A Free French patrol in their British pattern infantry truck. (Copyright, Fox).

AMERICA WILL ENSURE ADEQUATE AID TO BRITAIN

TWO IMPORTANT DECLARATIONS ON AMERICAN POLICY WERE MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, IN A NATIONWIDE BROADCAST LAST NIGHT.

First, Mr. Hull asserted America would find means of ensuring that Britain received adequate supplies. Second, he put forward for the first time principles which the Government felt should rule the world when peace is re-established.

Pointing out that much of United States foreign trade this year was in "tools of self-defence," Mr. Hull declared it would be futile if goods failed to reach those for whom they were intended, when Americans had the task of arming and supplying those whose successful defence is vital for their security.

"I have said before and I say again, we will not permit this purpose to be frustrated. We will find a way to ensure that weapons pouring in in an even greater volume from our factories reach the hands eagerly awaiting them."

Paramount purpose of the Axis powers, Mr. Hull declared, was to secure control of the seas for purposes of world domination.

Halt Demanded

He continued: "Either the spread of lawlessness in the world must be brought to a halt or we shall soon find ourselves surrounded by aggressors and compelled to fight virtually alone and at great odds for our own national existence."

Making the first major pronouncement concerning the principles of peace, Mr. Cordell Hull said these must include:—FIRST, EXTREME NATIONALISM MUST NOT AGAIN BE PERMITTED TO EXPRESS ITSELF IN EXCESSIVE TRADE RESTRICTIONS.

Second, non-discrimination in international commercial relations must be the rule, so that international trade may grow and prosper.

Third, raw materials supplies must be available to all nations without discrimination.

Commodity Supplies

Fourth, international agreements regulating the supply of commodities must be so handled as to protect fully consuming countries and their peoples.

Fifth, institutions and arrangements of international finance must be so arranged that they aid essential enterprise and continuous development in all countries and permit payment by processes of trade consonant with the welfare of all countries.—Reuter.

GREEK MINISTERS' EXPERIENCE

A TWIN-MOTORED ITALIAN PLANE MACHINE-GUNNED A 300-TON BOAT ON WHICH THE GREEK MINISTERS, M. COTZIAS (FINANCE) AND M. APOSTOLIDES (JUSTICE) WERE MAKING THEIR WAY FROM TURKEY TO PALESTINE, REPORTS THE JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT OF THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH NEWS AGENCY.

None was injured in the attack, and the two Ministers, who have arrived in Haifa, are continuing their journey to "somewhere in the Middle East."—Reuter.

TO MEET "FORCE WITH FORCE"

General Dentz's Challenge In Broadcast Loyalty To Marshal Petain

"THE ARMY OF THE ORIENT, WHOSE SUPREME COMMANDER IS MARSHAL PETAIN, AND WHICH ENJOYS THE SYMPATHY OF THE WHOLE POPULATION, IS READY TO MEET FORCE WITH FORCE," DECLARED GENERAL HENRI DENTZ, VICHY'S GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN SYRIA, IN AN ANNOUNCEMENT BROADCAST FROM BEIRUT YESTERDAY.

General Dentz said Britain had decided to oppose by force German planes which had landed in Syria.

Marshal Petain had already declared France had no enmity towards England or her Empire. Yesterday's incidents, do not mean the occupation of the country or interference in its affairs. They result purely from application of the armistice terms. This is the whole truth.

Meet Force With Force

"France, Syria and Lebanon, which are bound together to-day more than ever in brotherly understanding, will not endanger their just cause by carrying out aggressive activity the result of which would be the sacrifice of innocent people here or elsewhere.

"I have been entrusted with the duty of defending this country and I shall carry out my duty to the best of my ability."

GENERAL DENTZ CONCLUDED WITH A DECLARATION ABOUT MEETING FORCE WITH FORCE. — REUTER.

Attacks On Bases Continue

The British attacks on Syrian aerodromes were continued on Saturday morning, according to an Ankara despatch to the German news agency quoting Beirut reports, says Reuter.

ITALIANS STRAFED

While strafing an Italian landing ground in Libya, a fighter pilot knocked over two out of a formation of five C.R. 42's, and three men who were walking near the aircraft.

The five aircraft were just about to take off when the British pilot swooped down on them. The leader went over on his nose and then turned on his back. The attacker let him have a withering burst of machine-gun fire.

Then, turning his attention to number five of the formation, the R.A.F. pilot saw his victim away to the left and stop with his starboard wing in the ground.

The remainder of the formation did not take off.

"The three men walking away from the aircraft crumpled up," said the pilot, in his report on the 'strafe'.

"One of them" he said "was an officer-dressed in a close-fitting greatcoat and high peaked cap."

D.E.I. WILL FIGHT

THE NETHERLANDS MINISTERS, DR. VAN KLEFFENS AND DR. WELTER, HAVE ARRIVED AT AUCKLAND (N.Z.) FROM SYDNEY EN-ROUTE FOR CONVERSATIONS WITH NEW ZEALAND CABINET MINISTERS.

Dr. van Kleffens said that if the Dutch Indies were attacked they would certainly fight and were well prepared to defend themselves. — Reuter.

JAPANESE DRIVE IN SHANSI

Ten days of heavy fighting in south Shansi resulted in the Japanese forces surrounding the Chinese on the north bank of the Yellow River in a wide semi-circle, with a 50-mile arc along the river, the ferries of which have been occupied by the Japanese.

In view of the vast extent of the area involved it is unlikely the Japanese can make the whole of the Chinese forces prisoner. Well-informed sources in Peiping report that numerous Japanese hospital trains are passing north daily via the Kin-Han Railway carrying also hundreds of boxes of the usual ashes of cremated dead.

The Japanese officially admit using "considerable forces" which are reliably estimated at about 120,000, the Chinese forces totalling 180,000. — Reuter.

SAVAGE PENALTIES

THE MOST SAVAGE PENALTIES YET ENFORCED AGAINST FOLLOWERS OF GENERAL DE GAULLE ARE REPORTED IN A MESSAGE FROM VICHY RECEIVED IN BERNE.

The war tribunal at Clermont-Ferrand, it reports, has condemned three non-commissioned officers to death and imposed sentences of imprisonment ranging from life to 10 years on 17 non-commissioned officers and others for alleged participation in the de Gaulle movement. — Reuter.

LOVE UNDER WAAF GUARD

Due to meet her boy-friend on a Saturday night, a W.A.A.F. given seven days' C. B. the previous day was allowed to start the term on the Sunday.

But the officer to whom she made the request sent a corporal along with her as escort.

"What a sell!" says the W.A.A.F. "We took her with us all the evening, then she escorted me home."

"The boy friend rather put his foot in it by suggesting that I might have given him some warning and he would have brought a corporal along to make it a foursome!"

The W.A.A.F.'s offence was showing a light in the black-out.

LONDON HITS THE BULL FIRST SHOT

Two days after it was launched, London's huge War Weapons Week—in which 62 boroughs are seeking £100,000,000—is already an assured success.

Although no definite figures were available last night, official indications were that the aim would be surpassed. — Reuter.

RESCUER UP TO CHEST IN WATER

One of the heroes of a recent raid on Southampton was a policeman, who crawled through an opening and waded into a flooded cellar to save trapped people.

He was Police-Constable Sidney V. White, an ex-Life Guardsman, aged twenty-seven.

Seven people, including two children, were sheltering in the cellar under a public-house which had been demolished by a bomb.

The children, Jack Andrew, aged sixteen, son of the licensee, and his sister Maureen aged seven, squeezed through a narrow coal chute, but this was too small for the others to escape and water from a broken main was rising steadily.

A rescue party cleared a passage through the debris blocking the cellar stairs. Through this opening Police-Constable White scrambled into the cellar, with the water up to his chest, and helped the trapped people one by one to safety.

One of the victims, a woman, who was pinned by debris, was drowned. She was Mrs. Thomas Harding.

PEACEFUL SUNDAY

SUNDAY WAS A QUIET DAY AS FAR AS DAYLIGHT AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN WAS CONCERNED.

There was slight enemy air activity around the coasts but no enemy planes flew inland.

According to an Air Ministry communique up to 7.30 there were no reports of any bombs having been dropped. — Reuter.

NAZI GARRISONS REINFORCED

IT WAS RELIABLY REPORTED IN ANKARA YESTERDAY (SAYS REUTER) THAT THE GERMANS ARE REINFORCING THE GARRISONS OF THE GREEK ISLANDS OF CHIOS AND MYTILENE.



Members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force indulge in fencing in their spare time, to keep fit. (Copyright, Fox).

HEAVY STRAFING OF ENEMY AIR BASES

CONTINUED STRAFING of enemy bases is reported in yesterday's R.A.F. communique in Cairo which states that on the night of May 16-17 British heavy bombers attacked Benghazi, where considerable damage was done.

A number of fires were caused which continued to burn long after the British aircraft had left the target, while Derna and Gazala were also raided.

At Derna, explosions, one of which was particularly violent, took place among buildings south of the harbour. Fires were caused on the aerodrome at Gazala, which was bombed and machine-gunned.

British fighters maintained constant patrols and shot down two Messerschmitts near Sollum and successfully machine-gunned a large motor transport supply column on the Tobruk-Bardia road and the Capuzzo track, completely stopping road traffic.

More than 20 vehicles were completely destroyed by fire and many others damaged, and a petrol dump was blown up.

Suez Raid

Enemy aircraft raided the Suez Canal area on Saturday night but no damage or casualties resulted to Service property or personnel.

Two enemy aircraft were destroyed by A.A. fire and another was shot down by our fighters. Aerodromes in Greece occupied by the Germans were heavily attacked during the night of May 16/17.

British bombers caused a number of fires at Argos and also at Menidi, where violent explosions occurred at the north end of the aerodrome.

20 Junkers Hit

Four aircraft on the ground

were destroyed at Maloi where direct incendiary bombs fell among dispersed aircraft, causing considerable damage.

These bombing attacks were followed at dawn by attacks by British fighters, which machine-gunned the aerodromes at Hassani, Argos and Maloi.

At Hassani, 20 Junkers 52's were seen to be hit and a number of Messerschmitts and Heinkels were also attacked. At Argos, similar attacks were carried out against enemy aircraft on the aerodrome. Two of them were set on fire and others damaged.

Crete Battle

Enemy aircraft at Maloi made excellent targets for our aircraft and many hits were observed.

When enemy aircraft attempted a machine-gun attack on one of our aerodromes in Crete, fighters intercepted them and destroyed three Messerschmitts and damaged others.

Anti-aircraft fire brought down four enemy aircraft and damaged others. — Reuter.

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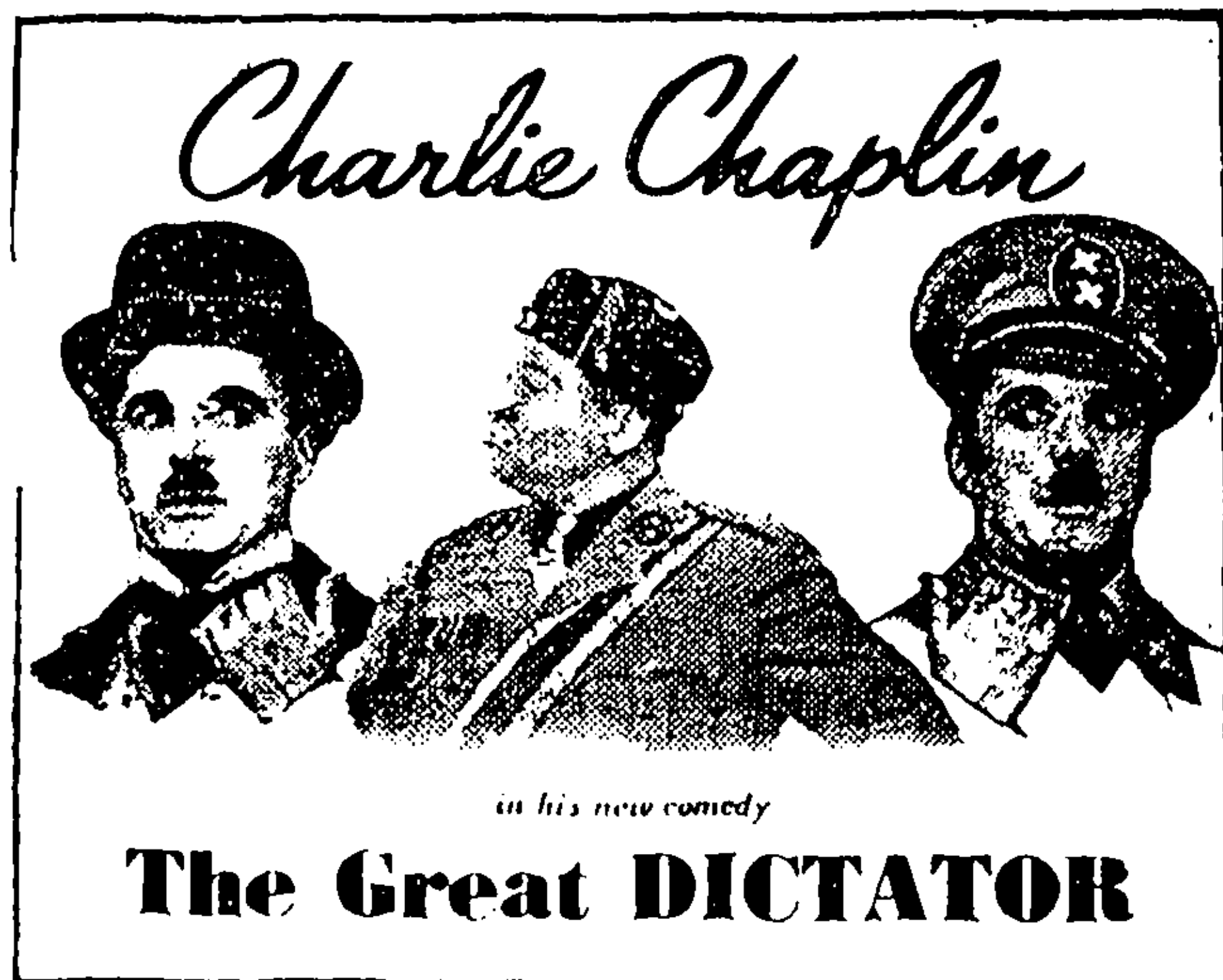


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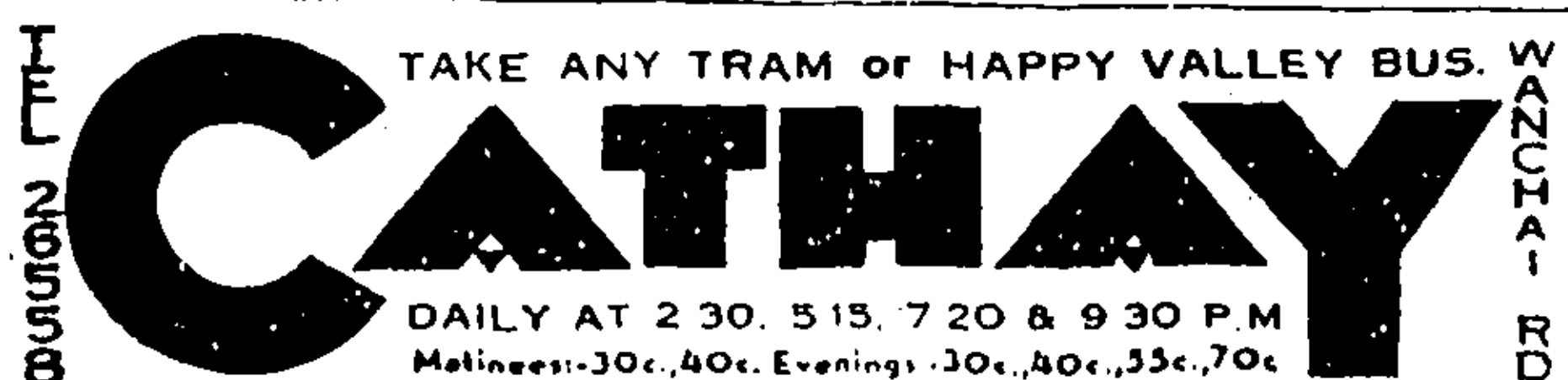
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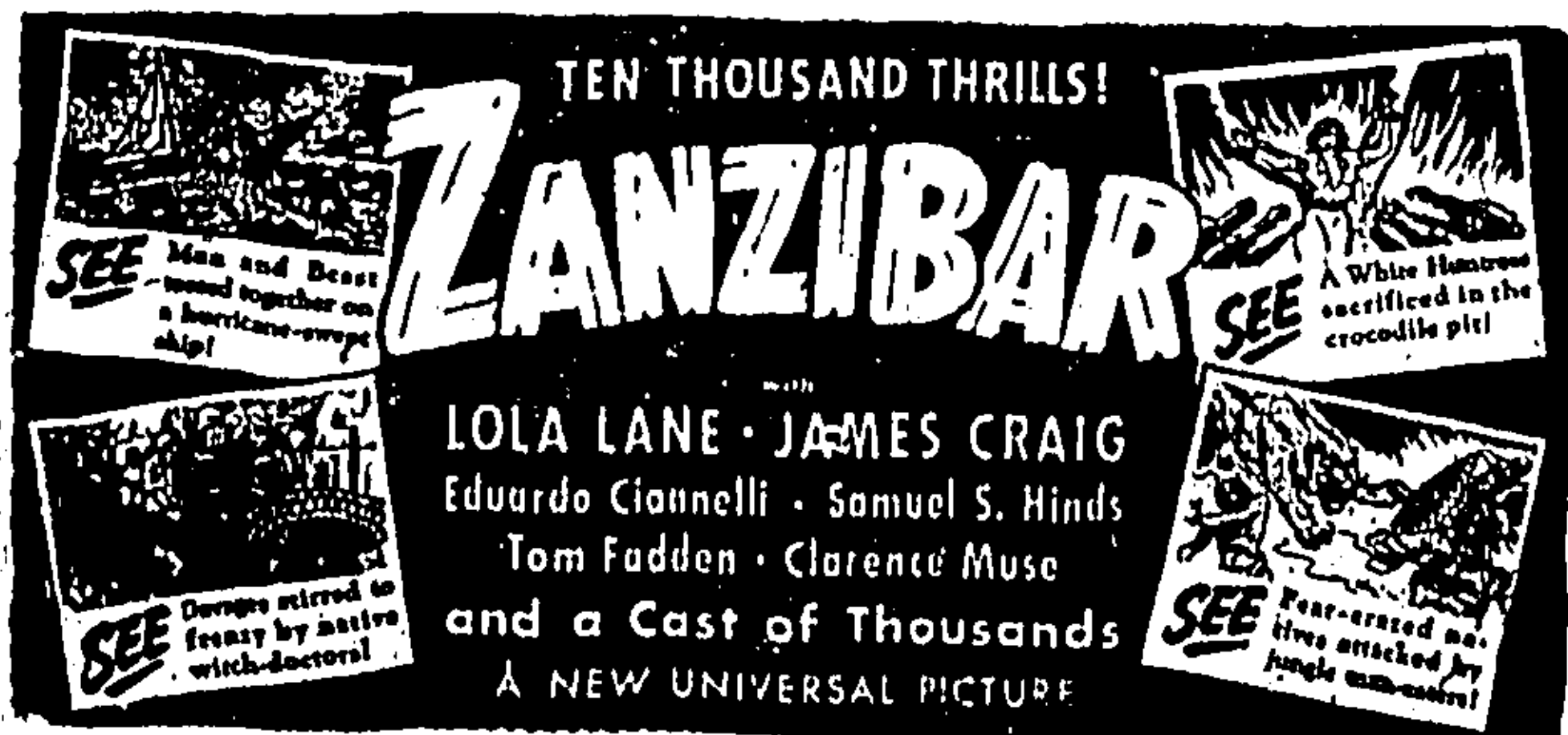
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THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

The Official Account

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The Scene Is Set

On Tuesday 20th August 1940, at 3.52 p.m. the Prime Minister gave the House of Commons one of those periodic reviews on the progress of the war with which members in particular and the country in general have grown familiar. The occasion was grave. On the 8th August the Germans, after a period of activity against our shipping which had lasted for somewhat longer than a month, had launched upon this island the first of a series of mass air attacks in daylight. For some ten days and notably on the 15th and the 18th, men and women in the streets of English towns and villages and in the countryside, had seen, high up against the background of the summer sky, the swift and play of aircraft engaged in that fierce and prolonged combat which has come to be known as "The Battle of Britain."

The House was crowded. Its mood was one of anxious enthusiasm, but enthusiasm waxed and waned as the Prime Minister proceeded to describe the swift changing movements of the battle, the opening stages of which some members had themselves witnessed. After referring to the work and achievements of the Royal Navy, Mr. Winston Churchill turned to the war in the air. "The gratitude of every home in our island," he said, "in our Empire and, indeed, throughout the world, except in the abodes of the guilty, goes out to British airmen who, undaunted by odds, unwearied in their constant challenge and mortal danger, are turning the tide of the world war by their prowess and by their devotion. Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

The Prime Minister was speaking at the moment when the battle was still at its height, for it was not until the end of October that the German Luftwaffe virtually abandoned its attacks by day light and began to rely entirely on the policy of night raiding—its tacit admission of defeat.

First Great Battle In History

It is now possible to tell in great part the story of the action on which such high praise had been bestowed. Before doing so, however, it is worth while to recall the extraordinary nature of the battle. Nothing like it has ever been fought before in the history of mankind. It is true that aircraft frequently met in combat in the last war; but they did so in numbers very small when compared with those which were engaged above the fields of Kent and Sussex, the rolling country of Hampshire and Dorset, the flat lands of Essex and the sprawling mass of London. Moreover, from 1914 to 1918 fights took place either between individual aircraft or between small formations and an engagement in which more than a hundred aircraft on both sides were involved was rare, even in the later stages of the war. The issue was, in fact, decided not in the air, in which element the rival air forces played an important but secondary part, but by slow moving infantry in the heavy mud of Flanders and the Somme. It may be that the same thing or something like it, will ultimately happen in the present war. Up to the moment, however, the first decisive encounter between Great Britain and Germany has taken place in the air and was fought three, four, five and, sometimes, more than six miles above the surface of the earth by some hundreds of aircraft, flying at speeds often in ex-

cess of 300 miles per hour. While this great battle was being fought day by day, men and women in this country went about their business with very little idea of what was happening high up above their heads in the fields of the air. This battle was not shrouded in the majestic and terrible smoke of a land bombardment, with its roar of guns, its flash of shells, its fountains of erupting earth. There was no sound nor fury, only the pattern of white vapour trails, leisurely changing form and shape, traced by a number of tiny specks, scintillating like diamonds in the splendid sunlight. From very far away there broke out from time to time a chatter against the duller sound of engines. Yet, had that chatter not broken out, that remote sound would have changed, first to a roar and then to a fierce shriek punctuated by the crash of heavy bombs as bomber after bomber unloaded its cargo. In a few days the southern towns of England, the capital of the Empire itself, would have suffered the fate of Warsaw or Rotterdam.

These Were The Weapons Used

Before we can understand the general strategy and tactics followed by both sides, something must be said of the weapons used. The Germans sought a decision by sending over five main types of bombers—Ju.87, Dive-bomber Ju.88, various types of Heinkel 111, Dornier 215, and Dornier 17. Ju.87 (Type B) was a two-seater Dive-bomber. It was an all-metal, low wing, cantilever monoplane armed with two fixed machine-guns, one in each wing and a movable machine-gun in the aft cockpit. When looked at from straight ahead, the wings had the shape of a very flat W. Its maximum speed in level flight was a trifle over 240 miles per hour. Ju.88 was also a Dive-bomber with a maximum speed of 317 miles per hour. Its crew and armament were similar to those of the Heinkel 111. The Heinkel 111 (mark V) was a low wing, all-metal, cantilever monoplane with two engines. It carried a crew of four and was armed with three movable machine-guns, one in the nose, one on the top of the fuselage and one in the streamlined "Blister" underneath. Its maximum speed was nearly 275 miles per hour. The Dornier 215 was a high wing, cantilever monoplane of all-metal construction with three movable machine-guns similarly placed to those of Heinkel 111K. Its maximum speed was about 312 miles per hour. It was a development of the Dornier 17, familiarly known as the "Flying Pencil." This aircraft was a mid wing cantilever monoplane. It was armed with two fixed forward-firing machine-guns in the fuselage, one movable gun in the floor and one on shielded mounting above

the wings. Its maximum speed was about 310 miles per hour. Variations and increases in armament were constantly made in all these aircraft which carried bombs intended to secure victory. These bombers were protected by fighters of which the Germans used two main types, Me.109 and Me.110. Me.109 in the form then used was a single seater fighter. It was a low-wing, all-metal, cantilever monoplane armed with cannon firing through the airscrew hub, four machine-guns and two more in troughs on the top of the engine cowling. Its maximum speed was a little more than 350 miles per hour. Its pilot was later protected by back-and-front armour of which the size and shape became standardised during the course of the battle. Me.110 was a two-seater fighter powered with two engines. It was an all-metal, low wing, cantilever monoplane with two fixed cannons and four fixed machine-guns to fire forward from the nose. It was much larger than Me.109 but had not got the same capacity of manoeuvre. Its maximum speed did not exceed 365 miles per hour. In this aircraft the crew were protected by back armour only. The Germans also used a few Heinkel 113s. This was a low wing, all-metal, cantilever monoplane with single engine. A cannon fired through the airscrew hub and there were two large-bore machine-guns in the wings. The maximum speed was about 380 miles per hour.

To combat this formidable array of fighters and bombers, which Goering had boasted were "definitely superior" to any British aircraft, the Royal Air Force used Spitfire, Hurricane and, occasionally, Boulton Paul Defiant. The Spitfire Mark I was a single seater fighter with a Rolls Royce Merlin engine. It was a low wing, all-metal, cantilever monoplane armed with eight Browning machine-guns, four in each wing, set to fire forward outside the airscrew disc. The maximum speed was 366 miles per hour. The Hawker Hurricane (Mark I) was a single-seater fighter similarly engined and armed. Its maximum speed was 335 miles per hour. In both these aircraft the pilot was protected by front-and-back armour. The Boulton Paul Defiant was a two-seater fighter with a Rolls Royce engine. It was an all-metal, low-wing, cantilever monoplane and armed with four Browning machine-guns mounted in a power-operated turret.

British Fighter Force On Guard

With such machines as these, the Royal Air Force and Luftwaffe faced each other on 8th August when the battle began. Before describing it, something must first be said on our methods of defence, although it is not easy to do this without giving away "State Secrets." The governing principle is that sufficient strength of fighters must assemble at the required height above a given place where it can intercept the oncoming enemy raid and break it up before it can reach its objective.

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Showing TO-DAY: A Chinese Picture in Mandarin
花命薄 "MAGNOLIA"

MUTT AND JEFF



The Battle Of Britain

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There is general agreement that the principle of employing standing patrols is impracticable owing to its wastefulness. To keep a sufficient strength of fighters always in the air to guard our shores from any attack would be beyond the powers of the biggest Air Force imaginable. The fighter forces, therefore, are kept on the ground in the interests of economy of effort and only ordered off the ground when raids appear to be imminent.

Information regarding the approach of the enemy is obtained by a variety of methods and co-ordinated and passed to "Operations Rooms."

The coastline of Great Britain is divided into sectors, each with its own fighter aerodromes and headquarters. These sectors are grouped together under conveniently situated Group Headquarters which, in their turn, come under the general control of Headquarters Fighter Command. Information on enemy raids is illustrated by various symbols on a large map table in Group and Sector Operations Rooms, the aim being to give each "Controller" the same picture of the progress of raids in his particular area. In addition to this, Controllers have all possible information set out before them such as location and "state" of their own squadrons, the weather and cloud conditions all above their area. They are also in touch with Anti-Aircraft defences and Balloon Barrages.

The squadrons are maintained at their sector aerodromes at various "states of preparedness." The most relaxed state is "released" which means the squadron is not required to operate until a specified hour and that the personnel can be employed on routine maintenance, flying training and instruction, organised games and that, in some cases, they may leave the station. Next comes "Available" which means the squadrons must prepare to be in of receiving the order "Readiness" reduces this to a minimum and is the most advanced state normally used. Occasionally "Stand By" is employed which means that pilots are seated in their aircraft, with engines "off" but all pointing into wind ready to start up and take off the moment the Leader gets his orders from the Controller.

In good weather conditions and when there is reason to anticipate an attack squadrons are perforce kept at a high state of "preparedness" which is relaxed as much as possible when the weather deteriorates. The broad principles are usually to keep one part of the Force at "Readiness," a second part at "Advanced Available" and a third at "Normal Available." When an attack develops "Readiness" Squadrons are ordered off in appropriate formations and "Available" Squadrons are ordered to "Readiness" and used as reserve to meet a second or third attack or protect

aerodromes or vulnerable points, such as aircraft factories.

These orders are issued by the Controller whose function it is to study the Operations Room Map and put a suitable number of aircraft into the air at selected points to intercept the oncoming raiders or to cover vulnerable points. His duty also is to keep constant watch on his resources so as to run no risk of being caught by a third or fourth wave of raiders with all his squadrons on the ground "landed and retreating." It must be remembered that the endurance of modern fighter aircraft if it is to have ample margin for full throttle work, climbing and fighting is limited. Allowance must also be made for the journey back to the parent stations, especially if visibility is bad.

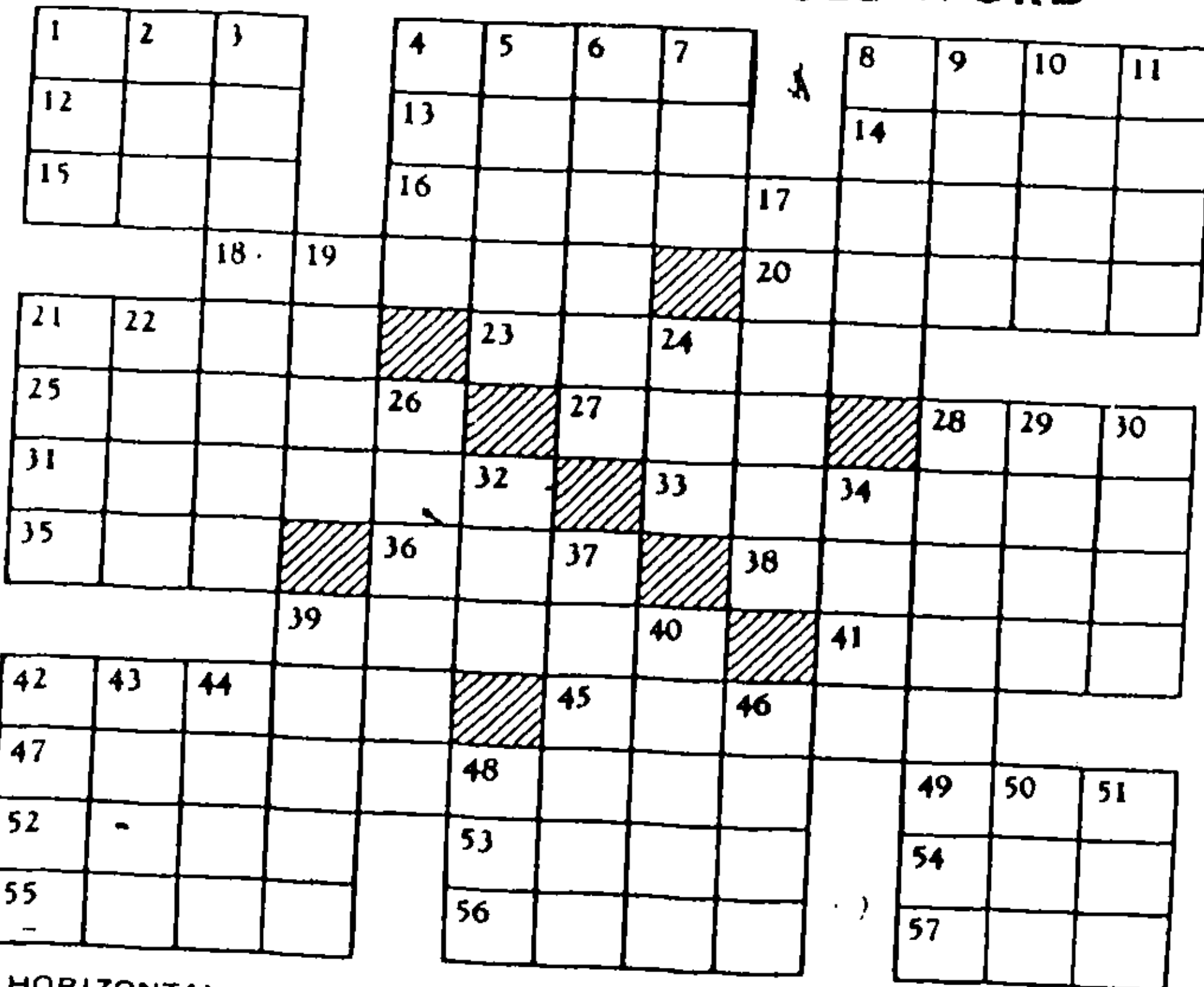
With the tracks of the enemy raid and of his own fighters both before his eyes, the Controller's task of making an interception is in theory a comparatively simple mathematical problem. He is in constant touch with his fighters by radio telephone, and is able to give them orders to change course from time to time so as to put them in the best position for attack.

Once the fighters report that they have "sighted enemy" the Controller's task is over, except that he may have to give them a course to bring them back to their aerodromes when the battle is over. "Enemy sighted" signal the "Tallyho" is at once transmitted to Group Headquarters and recorded on the Squadron state indicator. A red-letter day for any group was the 27th September, when in number eleven Group, 21 Squadrons out of 21 ordered up were able to report "Enemy Sighted." But the successful interception of raids is not always so easy. In practice exercises before the war 30 per cent interception was thought satisfactory and 50 per cent very good. When the test came, however, the percentages rose to 75, 90 and, sometimes, 100. This consistently high rate of interception made it possible for our superiority in pilots and aircraft to achieve its full effect.

The task of the Controller in setting the stage for battles is governed by one factor—accurate and timely information of raids. In clear weather, with little or no cloud, the raiders came over at such a high altitude that they were almost invisible, even with the use of binoculars. The number of aircraft employed made a confusion of noise in the high atmosphere and thus increased the difficulty of detecting raids by sound. In cloudy weather this difficulty was increased, for the Observer Corps had there to rely entirely on sound. In view of these difficulties, that Corps and other sources of information deserve very great credit for the remarkably clear and timely picture of the situation which they presented to the Controllers. These then were the set pieces on the wide chessboard of English skies and made opening moves in a contest on the outcome of which the safety of all free peoples depended. Flexibility was their motto. Each day the Controllers held a conference at which every idea or device for thinking and acting

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OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



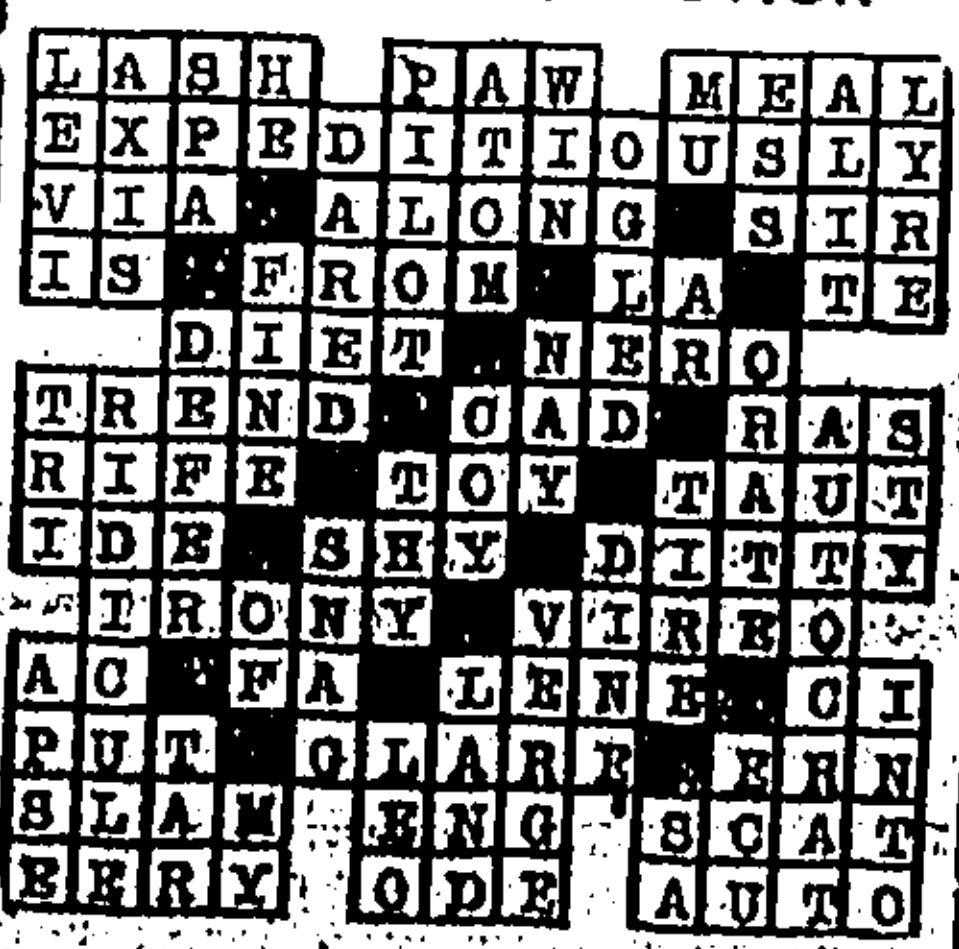
- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Pen-point
 - 4 Stride
 - 8 Forbidden
 - 12 Anger
 - 13 Ox of Celebes
 - 14 Part of the eye
 - 15 Regulation
 - 16 To bring about
 - 18 The Mohammedan religion
 - 20 Leases
 - 21 Genus of sunfish
 - 23 Large gland
 - 25 Strangely
 - 27 Is able to
 - 28 Preposition
 - 31 Colloquial: to vacillate
 - 33 Reaping implement
 - 35 To be mistaken
 - 36 Illumined
 - 38 Hue
 - 39 Loud, brazen sound
 - 41 Daybreak
 - 42 Old Portuguese coin
 - 43 Moslem deity

- 47 In the intervening time
- 49 To be obliged to
- 52 Eager
- 53 Solar disc
- 54 Month
- 55 Total of a haul of fish
- 56 Serf
- 57 Yes

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Nothing
 - 2 Period of time
 - 3 To confuse
 - 4 Bucket
 - 5 Year's record
 - 6 Vast
 - 7 To consume
 - 8 Carnivorous mammal

- 9 Isles off Eire
- 10 Vertical timber on a ship's deck
- 11 Employ
- 17 Peaceful
- 19 Sodium chloride
- 21 Speck
- 22 River in Germany
- 24 Duct
- 26 Xanthic
- 28 "Sooner" state
- 29 To run
- 30 Flowerless plant
- 32 Inlet
- 34 Finale of a fugue
- 37 Characteristics
- 39 Ties
- 40 Feminine name
- 42 Moslem prayer leader
- 43 Glacial snow
- 44 Raised platform
- 46 Smooth
- 48 Scotch: to have
- 50 Manner
- 51 To stare at

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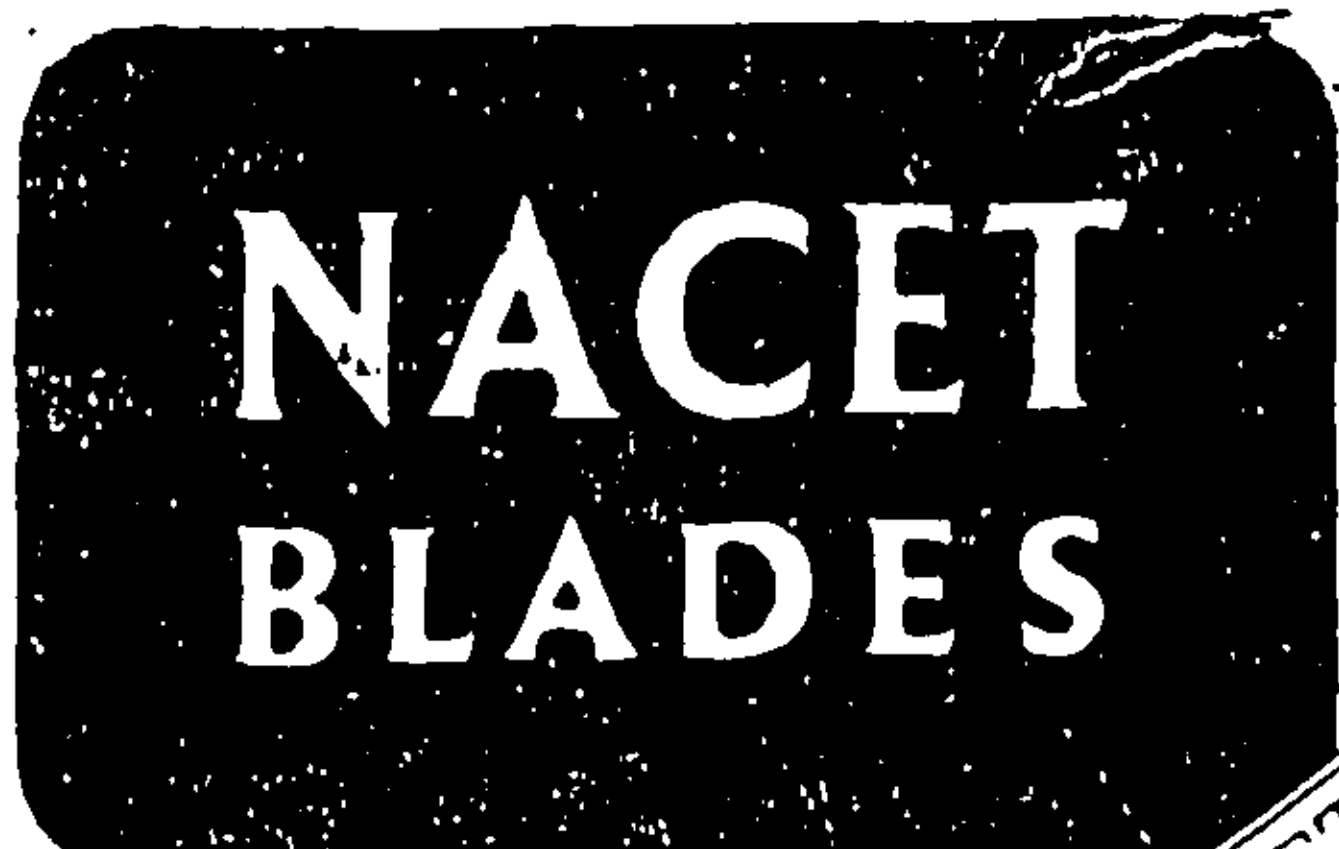
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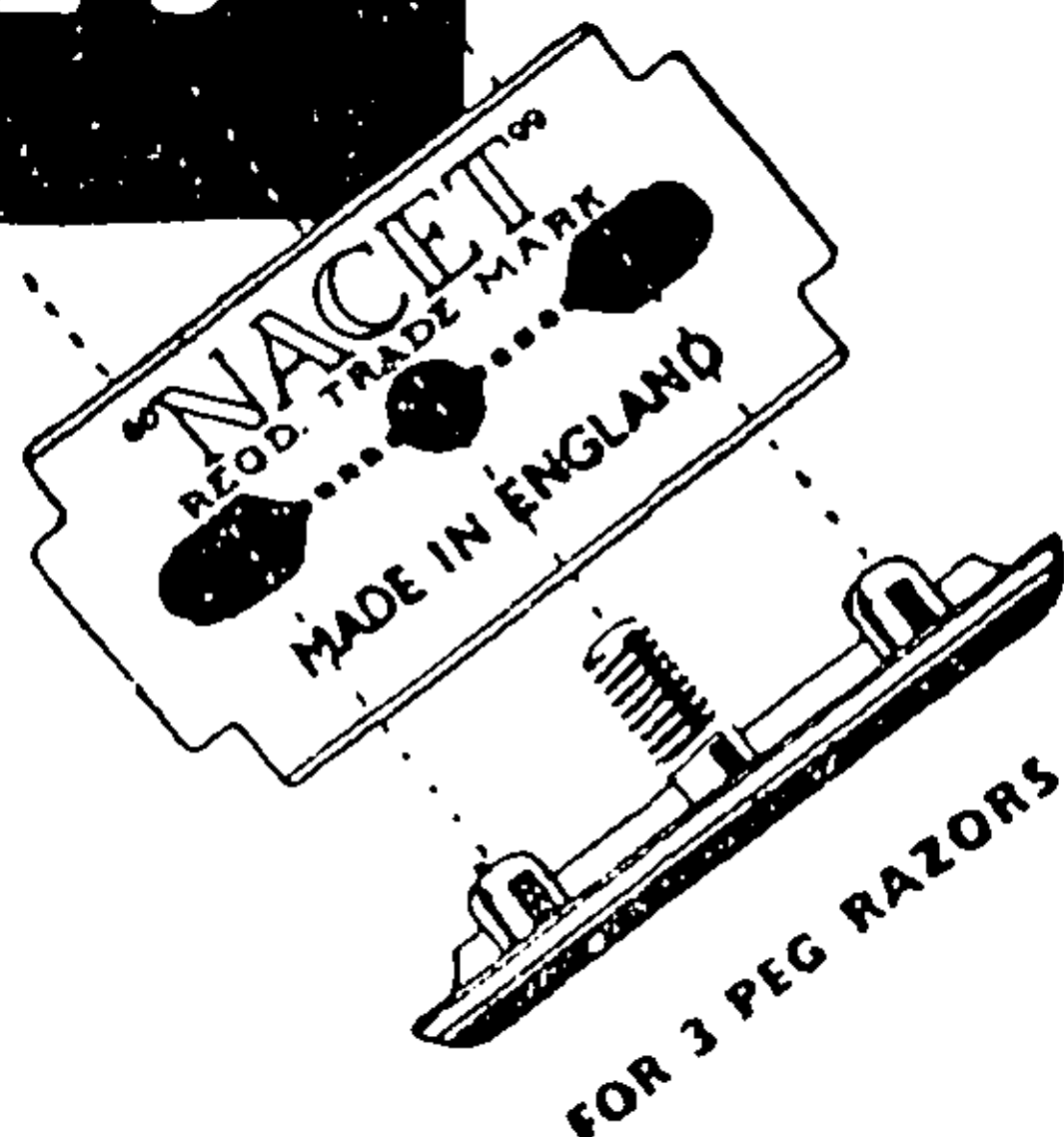
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NEI GOVERNOR IS A VIRTUAL WAR DICTATOR

WAR IN THE WEST AND THREATS OF WAR IN THE FAR EAST HAVE CREATED WHAT AMOUNTS TO A NEW "DEMOCRATIC DICTATORSHIP" TO-DAY.

The dictator is a blue-eyed, blue-blooded Frisian, governor-general of Netherlands India, the glittering Dutch empire in the south seas. Until newspapers have more than eight columns, however, his name will never fit into any headlines. It is Jonkheer Alidius Warmoldus Lambertus Tjarda van Starkenborgh Stachouwer.

In a move almost as unprecedented as the third term, his governorship has been indefinitely extended. He was scheduled to relinquish the seals of authority next September, having served the appointed five years. But the occupation of Holland and the dangerous situation in the Pacific to-day have induced the queen's government to keep him here.

Only once since the five-year term was decreed has a governor general remained beyond that period. That was during the world war. No man ever serves a second term. In fact, rigid convention stipulates that a former governor general shall not even reside in the Indies as a private citizen.

Dislike Dictatorships

The reason lies in the fact that, for all practical purposes, the governor general is invested with almost absolute power. Even in normal times he is nearly a dictator. So the Dutch, who have a healthy dislike for dictators, have made it impossible, through written and unwritten law, for any man to hold the reins very long.

Ever since the invasion, however, the power of the governor general has tended to expand automatically.

He can't wait to-day to consult the cabinet and ultimately the queen, in Japanese battleships appear off Sumatra. The law permits him to declare a "state of emergency." Practical fact will give him the power to declare a state of war.

The present governor general has the power, but none of the personal hallmarks of a dictator.

He is 52, trim, handsome, clean-cut, and he looks 42. He speaks unaccented English, with the crisp incisive manner that suggests the typical American business executive.

Thorough Aristocrat

The House of Tjarda van Starkenborgh Stachouwer traces back to the 15th century. Its scion in the Indies is an aristocrat to his fingertips. His life has conformed in all details to the rigidly correct pattern of Dutch nobility. He studied law, entered the diplomatic service, served with distinction in half a dozen capitals (among them, Washington), became governor of his native province, and president of the university from which he was graduated, married well. His wife is an American from Baltimore.

Mainly because he is no crowd-pleaser, no dynamo of personal magnetism, a sharp cleavage exists in public opinion about him. Violent arguments rage between Dutchmen who believe that, in these days of crisis, the governor general should be a flag-waver, and those who believe he should merely be efficient.

A typical complaint: "At the time of the invasion, we wanted to have parades and bands and a speech from him. It would have made everybody feel better. But he wouldn't do it."

It is impossible to picture him in that role, standing on the white marble steps of the Koningsplein Palace, engaging in theatrics and receiving huzzas from the adoring crowd. He does not appeal to popular imagination, but he commands complete respect and confidence in the Indies.

In manner he is reserved, austere, correct, coldly intellectual. He has no intimate friends. All his contacts are reined in, held to the official relationship. He lives in the chill north-light of official duty. And therefore, according to Hollanders, he suffers in popularity by comparison with some of his predecessors, earthy-meerschaum-puffing burghers, who were sometimes seen wandering the

palace grounds in pyjamas, sometimes received official callers, coatless, snapped their galluses as they talked.

Not this occupant of the palace.

Wife From Baltimore

The stroke of six in the morning, he is dressing, usually in shivvies and grey suits. He seldom wears whites, virtually a uniform in the tropics. At 7 o'clock the first of three large boxes, containing telegrams and official documents, is placed before him. He spends an hour poring over the contents before breakfast at 8. At 2 o'clock, he gets the second. At 6 o'clock, after the afternoon siesta, the third. He is a precision instrument of regularity and protocol. Those three boxes form an endless tread-mill. If, just once, he slips a cog, he may have to work all night to catch up. He has no lieutenant governors, to whom he might delegate part of this burden.

Mainly from necessity, he permits himself few pleasures, only a measure of relaxation. He doesn't drink or smoke. Tennis and badminton, with his family, are for exercise. There is no entertainment reading in his library. The closest approach to a hobby is discussing obscure points of diplomatic history. Sometimes, at official dinners, he disengages himself from the guests, corners an expert in the subject, and opens argument.

He receives 60,000 guilders a year in salary and 70,000 in emoluments for palace expenses (\$70,200) which, as is usual in the top brackets of all diplomatic service, falls below his expenses.

Rectitude marks all his actions. He thought it improper to grant an interview to an American newspaperwoman, said: "She should see my wife."

His wife is the former Christine Marburg, of Baltimore, daughter of a one-time U.S. ambassador to Belgium. They were married in 1925 and have two daughters, Frances and Tine. — Associated Press.

120,000 TROOPS IN MALAYA

TRAVELLERS FROM SINGAPORE ARRIVING IN SAIGON ESTIMATED THE TOTAL ARMED FORCE OF MALAYA REACHED 120,000 TROOPS. REINFORCEMENTS ARE ARRIVING DAILY FROM INDIA AND AUSTRALIA, THEY SAID.

The travellers also reported the first contingent of 10,000 British troops have landed on Sarawak, Borneo, placing British Tommies within 100 miles of the Philippines.

(Two American made flying boats, flown from San Francisco to Manila by American pilots, have been delivered to British authorities, presumably those at Manila now. Other American ships have been sent to Singapore by steamer.) — Associated Press.

PRINCESS - LIFE-SAVER

Princess Elizabeth is the first candidate to gain the Royal Life Saving Society's junior artificial respiration award under war conditions.

When the recently instituted junior examination was brought to her notice the Princess, who already holds two of the society's awards, said she wanted to enter the examination.

BLIND PEOPLE GO SIGHTSEEING BY 'PLANE

A "sightseeing" tour in a 'plane flight over Salt Lake City, Utah, was carried out for twenty blind residents.

Before they took off, the party was allowed to spend an hour going all over the 'plane, feeling the different parts. Each of the gadgets was described to them.

As they passed over the city the views were described to the blind passengers. They said the flights had been a "thrill." Only one passenger complained. He wanted a few more bumps "just for realism."

CONCHIES TELL OF 'ASSAULTS'

Non-combatant conscientious objectors gave evidence at a Liverpool court-martial alleging ill-treatment by non-commissioned officers attached to the Pioneer Corps.

Two of the objectors, both Peace Pledge Union members, are now back in civil life.

One of these men, ex-Private W. F. Jordan, denied that his evidence was a tissue of lies.

Lieutenant E. W. Fargher (defending): You were trying to make trouble and to get decent soldiers who are now defending you into trouble by complaining to Parliament. A man who will go by any back-door methods to get another into trouble is a man who ought not to be believed.

Private J. F. London said that he and others were ill-treated by N.C.O.s.

He saw Private A. Forster with a badly bleeding nose and Private W. F. Jordan with black eyes.

"Black Eyes"

Private A. Campling said that he was kept running round for half an hour until he was exhausted. His head was ducked in water and a sergeant smacked his face to bring him round.

Lieutenant E. W. Fargher (defending): I put it to you that these complaints you are making are imagination and nothing else? — Private Campling: They are the truth.

They are an invention for a court of inquiry and to cause trouble in Parliament? — I have told the truth.

Major H. M. E. Flateau, one of the commanding officers, was asked if the conscientious objectors took a great deal more liberty with him than they would in ordinary barracks.

He replied: "I am afraid so." The hearing was adjourned.

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SHIPS TO WIN THE WAR

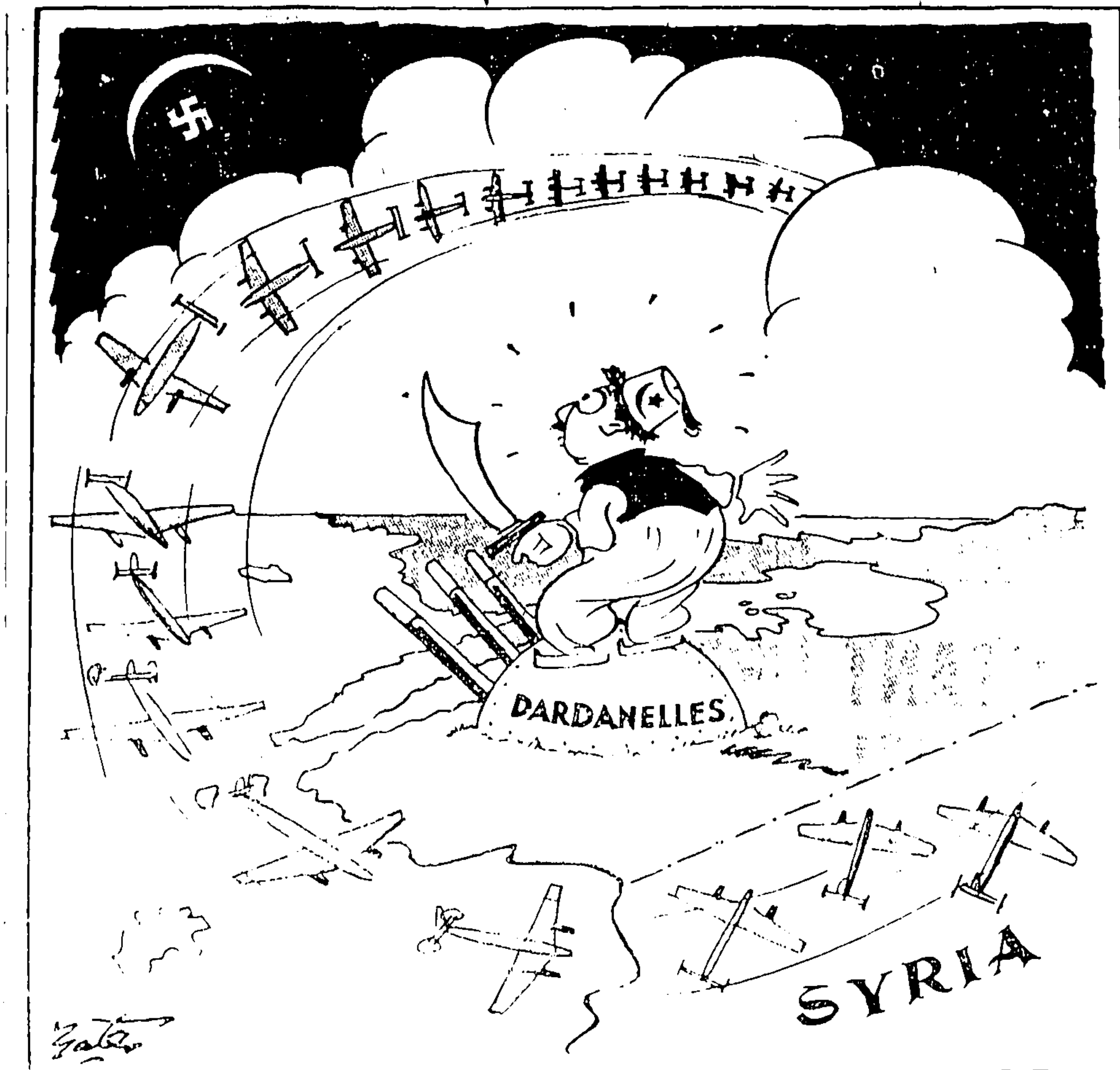
President Roosevelt's order to the Maritime Commission to assemble a pool of 2,000,000 tons of existing shipping to speed the flow of vital war materials to Britain recognises that the most critical battle of the war is the battle of the Atlantic.

The programme, as the President said, falls into two parts. One is the transfer of ships to British registry for use in the combat zone. The other the reallocation of ships in such a way as to obtain maximum efficiency from their use. Presumably the transfer of ships for use in the Atlantic service will make use of the foreign vessels now in American ports, including the sixty-nine Danish, Italian and German ships recently seized, as well as French and other ships that have taken refuge. The balance of the 2,000,000 tons is to be obtained by withdrawing vessels from intercoastal routes, using Army and Navy auxiliary vessels, commissioning what remains of the laid-up fleets of United States merchant ships and, possibly, diverting some Great Lakes carriers to the coastal and intercoastal trade.

Plainly the programme is not merely intended to provide more tonnage but to obtain the maximum of effective use of the tonnage that is available. To achieve this it must go beyond strictly maritime limits.

The highest efficiency in the use of available shipping requires that the flow of war materials by land from their points of origin to the docks must be co-ordinated with the movement of ships. Supplies must move quickly and smoothly to the harbours so as to avoid delays in the loading and congestion at shipping points. They should be routed to those harbours which make possible the shortest ocean passage, even if this means longer and more expensive movement by rail. No ship should be allowed to sail without a full cargo; no ship should be kept waiting for its cargo to be assembled; no ship should be permitted to waste time in going to distant ports if its cargo can be brought alongside in ports closer to the ultimate destination.

The principal weakness of America's entire defence effort to date has



"WHAT THE STARS FORETELL."

Awakening At Last

By Joseph Alsop And Robert Kintner
in the N.Y. "Herald Tribune."

The beginnings of an atmospheric change as important as that which led to the lease-lend law are now clearly perceptible in Washington. In the period between the lease-lend law's enactment and the Balkan tragedy, even the boldest members of the Administration tended to regard American aid for Britain with considerable complacency. Enough was being done, was the attitude; and when more was required, more would be done. Now, however, this complacency has vanished like mist on a hot morning.

It has been dispelled by a deeply significant new note in reports from Britain in recent weeks—a note of doubt of Britain's power to resist indefinitely without far more substantial help than is now being given.

The note has been struck by a half dozen returning observers, both official and unofficial, but all extremely competent. One school, best represented by the brilliant president of Harvard, James Bryant Conant, does not question the resilience of British

been insufficient co-ordination among the various elements. Shipping is the most critical phase of the effort to win this war. It is the one field, above all others, where desperate shortage and urgent need permit no inefficiency or lack of co-ordination to be tolerated. The President has taken an excellent step in providing for the mobilisation of a 2,000,000-ton pool of ships. It is earnestly to be hoped that he will follow this by establishing a unified authority, in close liaison with the British Government, to co-ordinate the entire movement on both land and sea of the freight traffic essential to defence and to the winning of the battle of the Atlantic.

morale, but argue that Britain's brute strength will soon be exhausted if no greater help comes. President Conant's mission of exchanging scientific information with the British gave him wide and easy access in London. He is understood to have told members of the Administration here that this country had only a few months—probably until the end of summer at the outside—to decide whether to "put up or shut up."

Hopes Pinned

A second school, centred in the War Department, affirms the magnificence of the British people's courage, but points out that the well-spring of courage is hope, and that Britain's hopes have been pinned on the United States for many months. If these hopes are disappointed, the second school says, the worst can easily happen. The British leaders may refuse to sustain a suicidal war. The British war effort may falter from internal weakness. However it happens, the end will be a negotiated peace, leaving Germany the strongest nation in the world, with Britain exhausted and subservient, and the United States standing alone.

This is not defeatism of the Lindbergh sort. Not one of the men whose reports have caused such disquiet here questions for an instant that the war can be won if Britain and the United States will stand together as fighting partners. Nor is it a call for a large American expeditionary force. It is simply a hard-headed assessment of the pressing need for bold and decisive American action to meet such problems as that of the Atlantic, that of North Africa, and that of the Far East.

Situation Critical

The Mediterranean—North African situation is the best case in point. At present, the state of affairs is critical. After the Balkan disaster, Turkey has turned soggy, and may give German forces the right of transit to attack the oil fields of Iraq. The Russians, whose pressure Turkey can hardly resist, have just signed a pact with Japan at Germany's direction. A chunk of Persia was always to be one of their rewards for adherence to the Axis, and the Russo-Persian border is now reported closed. Iraq itself, although British troops have landed, is still in the hands of a pro-German government.

In Egypt, the British Mediterranean base, the British are fighting a campaign against a numerically superior German-Italian force. In French North Africa, Weygand's position has already been seriously undermined. German agents are in virtually full control of Casa Blanca. In Spain, Gen. Franco is resisting German demands against odds. And in France there are signs that the Vichy regime may be preparing for a final surrender.

This is painting the picture purposely as dark as it can be made. Actually, our military experts give the British better than an even chance to meet the danger in the Mediterranean. But the point is that the Mediterranean may go. American policy must be calculated on that possibility. The possibility means, in turn, that Germans may obtain supplies, including oil, for a very long war. And the effect of such a prospect on British strength and British morale can easily be understood.

Tipping The Scale

Pitifully little active assistance from this country would have restored the balance in the Mediterranean, preventing all but the comparatively meaningless Balkan tragedy, which would be far from effects on the will to resist in other countries. Pitifully little active assistance would restore the balance now. It is the same most of the major war situations. In each case the margin is slight between successful resistance and defeat. But in each case, because this country will not cover the margin, defeat comes in the end.

In Britain, the men responsible for their country's present plight have merely been put into a sort of Coventry. The worst that Sir John Simon, Sir Horace Wilson and their sort have had to face is a few veiled or open insults when they appear in public. But those American leaders who are now doing all in their power to prevent the crucial margin from being covered had best remember that the temper of our people is not so easy, polite and forgiving as that of the British. They had best ask themselves, "When we stand, isolated and at bay, in a world whose masters are our enemies, shall I be held to blame? And if I am, how shall I save my skin?"

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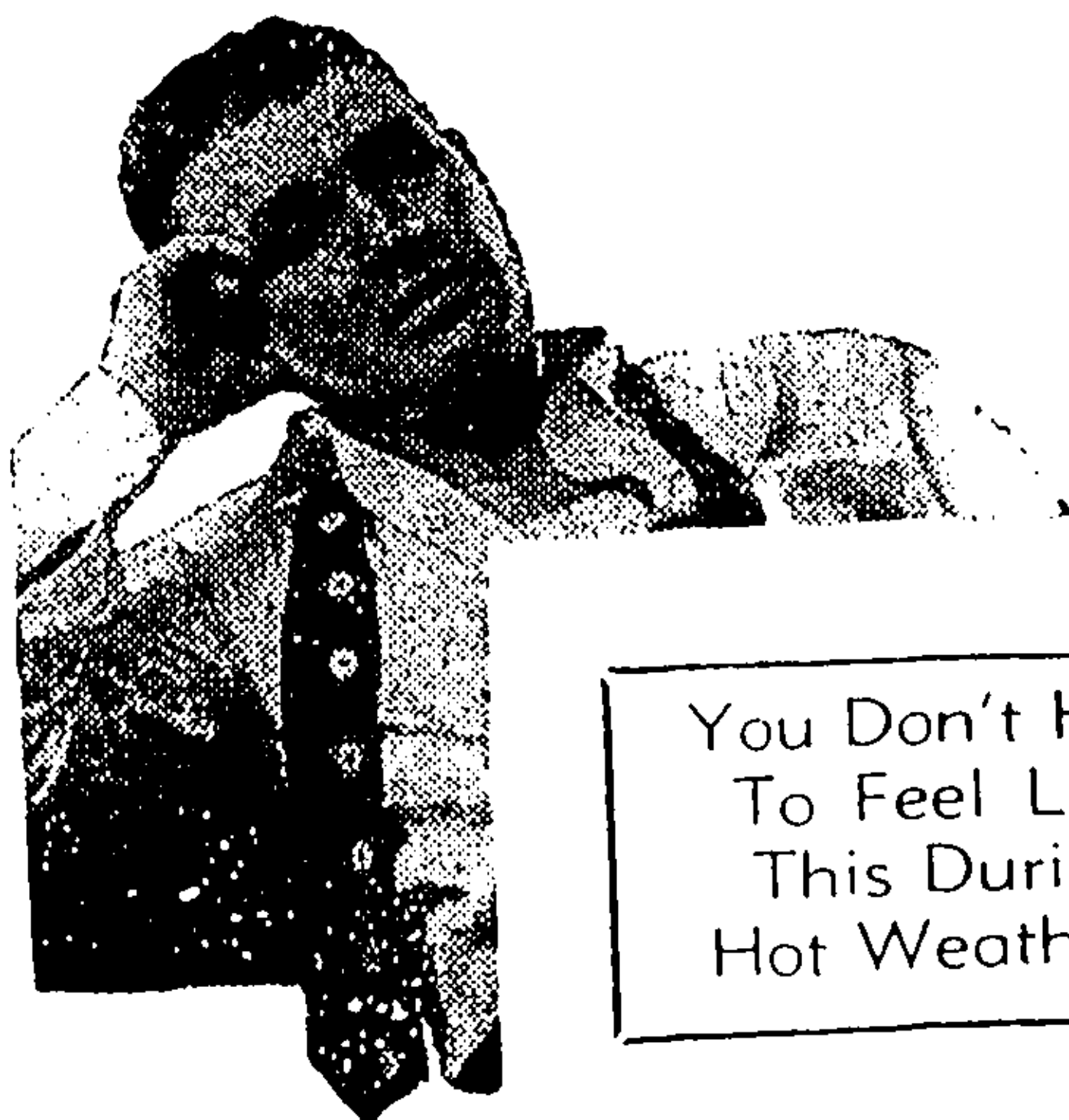
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INTENSIFIED BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC

ON A FRONT STRETCHING a thousand miles from Bordeaux to the Baltic, bomber command aircraft are attacking submarine and raider bases, shipbuilding yards, aerodromes used by Nazi long range bombers, and the factory which makes them. The aircraft frame factory which makes Focke Wulf four-engined bombers is in Bremen where very severe damage has been done lately. The aircraft frame factory itself has suffered badly in a number of raids. Huge buildings in the factory have been completely demolished and many well stocked warehouses were destroyed.

It has been reported that the Weser Flugzeugbau, which assembled 87 Junkers dive-bombers, have been severely damaged. Widespread devastation has also been caused in the dock areas. Submarine building inslips in Hamburg have been damaged, ships in the harbour sunk, stores of oil set afire and warehouses have been burned out or smashed.

The most remarkable recent raids were carried out over Kiel on April 7 and 8, when some of the enemy's largest and most important shipyards were laid waste.

Widespread Attacks

The offensive continued between April 9 and 16, when British bombers attacked Bremen once and Kiel more than on one occasion. There were several attacks on Brest where Germany is attempting to shelter her raiders, the battle cruisers Gneisenau and Scharnhorst. The aerodrome at Merignac near Bordeaux which serves Focke Wulf long range four engined bombers was also attacked three times. The submarine base at Lorient was raided twice, the shipbuilding yards at Wegesack near Bremen once, Wilhelmshaven once and Emden twice. On Emden the new British bombs, the most powerful ever used, were employed for the first time.

On the first night of the attack on Kiel the greatest weight of bombs ever to be directed in one night against single targets in Germany was dropped, which destroyed large parts of the Deutschwerke shipyards of the Germania yards and of the Navy Arsenal. At the same time one of the main power plants of the town was badly damaged and many factories and other parts of the town were burned out. The result was that whole areas were so badly blasted that it is probable they will have to be evacuated, if this already has not been done.

Wherever Germany builds, repairs or shelters submarines or surface warships, or seaplanes, long range bombers of the Royal Air Force have gone to destroy or check commerce raiders before they can put out to sea or take off.

At the same time R.A.F. bombers have been more active during daylight, again and again attacking small convoys which the Germans have tried

to slip through along the coast, sinking tenders intended for refueling submarines or supply ships on the way towards the west coast of France.

In the week from April 13 to 19, aircraft of the bomber command alone during daylight made attacks, hit and either sank or seriously damaged supply ships totaling at least 37,500 tons, in addition to a flagship guarding supply ships. They also hit, without it being possible to be fully observed and caused damage to many other supply ships large and small.

Diversion Of Major Offensive

During the same period day or dusk attacks were made on docks in Cherbourg, Borkum (with its seaplane base) and Heligoland. To some extent these attacks were on naval bases and shipyards which may be regarded as a diversion of the major offensive which the bomber command is fighting against Germany. But this is an essential contribution to the defence of Britain even should it mean the sparing of German industry until the Battle of the Atlantic is settled.

Moreover the strength of the R.A.F. bomber command is such that there are bombers to spare for the heavy raids on Berlin, and other German centres, while the support of Britain's sea power is continued.

It must be remembered that Kiel, Bremen, Wilhelmshaven, Hamburg and Emden are not only ports or naval bases. They are also great industrial centres and would be attacked also were the R.A.F. concentrating entirely on the destruction of the German war industry. There is also scarcely an instance of a heavy attack on shipyards or a naval base which did not also destroy some other vital parts of Germany's war machinery. Even raids on Italian submarines at Bordeaux have incidentally destroyed accumulated stocks of oil.

In the Battle of the Atlantic it cannot be expected that the effects of this concentration of bombing on naval bases and shipyards will be seen immediately. But weakness at the base will inevitably tell in the front line. While the Royal Navy guards convoys across the Atlantic the work of the bomber command will lighten its task in the future.

SO ROME SAYS

ITALY HAS LOST A TOTAL OF 212,641 MEN, INCLUDING DEAD, WOUNDED AND MISSING, SINCE HER ENTRY INTO THE WAR, THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGED.

Of this total, 20,251 were dead; 50,413 wounded and 141,977 missing.

April casualties, including the Balkan and African campaigns and some previously unreported losses, totalled 5,884 killed and 17,980 wounded, a recent announcement said. — Associated Press.

BOMBING BROUGHT ART TREASURE TO LIGHT

The bombing of Coventry Cathedral has revealed an art treasure which had been hidden for more than four hundred years.

It is a mural painting of the Madonna holding the Child Christ, with David in the background.

The Provost of Coventry (the Rev. R. Howard) thinks the painting was walled-up during alterations in 1500.

Now it is to be moved to safety.

SOWING UNREST IN BELGIUM

There is evidence that Nazi endeavours to provoke discord in Belgium are bearing some fruit, at all events among a section of the Flemish Nationalists.

The Gestapo has extended its activities widely during the last few months, and is now paying about £10 a month to agents who report on the best way to break down national solidarity.

A large proportion of these agents are women.

Various treasonable movements are now competing with one another. They comprise:

Reixists, or followers of Leon Degrelle, who wish to see an independent Belgium run on Fascist or Nazi lines. Degrelle has his own Storm Troopers, and is even reported to have airmen, whom he promises to use on the German side when he has received planes from Germany.

Want German Rule

The Belgium Nazi party, headed by M. Timmermans. Its members wear uniform and would be prepared to accept German suzerainty over Belgium.

The Dinases—an abbreviation of the Flemish words for Low-German National Socialists—who wish for the re-establishment of the ancient Duchy of Burgundy, and are believed to have gone so far as to approach the King, though without securing any response. This party also wears uniform.

The Flemish Extreme Nationalists who call for a separation of Flanders from the French-speaking provinces. Speaking at Brussels recently, their leader, Staf de Clerq, went so far as to request the Germans to allow the creation of a militant group of Flemings under Flemish command who would be prepared to fight on Flemish soil by taking over a section of the Belgian coast, or by manning anti-aircraft guns against the R.A.F.

The Germans astutely allow these different groups to fight against one another and encourage them all. The movements are, of course, not representative of the real attitude of the mass of the population in Belgium.

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TIME FOR FINAL U.S. ACTION CLOSE AT HAND

ADDRESSING THE annual meeting of the American Council on Education on the subject of the war and the British universities, James B. Conant, President of Harvard University, said: "It would seem to me the time for final action by this country is close at hand." His audience was composed of representatives of practically all of the major national and regional associations in the country.

Dr. Conant, recently returned from England, was applauded when he expressed his conviction that "the English people will not make peace with Hitler" and again when he said: "I do not believe the American people will sit idly by with Hitler controlling the Atlantic Ocean and undermining our freedom in this hemisphere. It seems to be clear that in all likelihood the longer we delay in sending full aid against the Axis powers, the longer will be war, and the greater will be the ultimate misery for all mankind." Dr. George F. Zook in his annual report recalled to the audience that the American Council has in its constitution the declaration, "The council was organized to meet national needs in time of war and will always render patriotic service."

Conservation Of Values Urged

He set forth the fundamental relations of education to the national government in a series of statements declaring that adequate consideration must be given to the conservation of educational values, resources and personnel; emergency programmes should not interfere unduly with the regular work of the schools, states of mind leading to war hysteria should be discouraged and the language or literature of no country should be eliminated from the curriculum, and the responsibility for administrative control of the agencies should continue in the hands of the educational officers of the schools and the institution of higher learning.

Dr. Conant in describing the British precautions for preventing the wastage of skilled men said he wondered if the United States would do as well. He described the British programme under which the scientists of the country are mobilised for national service. Physicists, engineers, chemists and doctors are at work where they are most needed, he said. If many of these professions had been allowed to volunteer at the start, or had been drafted, the shortage to-day would be "serious indeed. One wonders whether we in the United States will be far-sighted enough to profit by the example."

British Plan Described

The British Government, he continued, developed the idea of "reserve occupation" before the war. The first schedule listed a thousand or more categories of employment which were regarded as essential to the defence of the country. These included a dozen or so categories involving university-trained men. To each category was assigned an age limit. Men above this age were "reserved"; that is, these men were only permitted to volunteer for restricted classifications of war services.

Some categories had no age limit; for example, all doctors were reserved; physicists were reserved above the age of 25; university and secondary school teachers above the same age, and chemists above 21. The result was an over-reservation in many occupations. Frequent modifications of the schedule since then have been made.

In many occupations the age limit is being raised, he said, since experience now shows that, on balance, the needs of the fighting services are more important for the national effort than the particular occupations in question. For example, the age for teachers and university professors is being raised from the original of 25 to 35. On the other hand, the age limit on physicists who have proved of the utmost importance to "war work" has been lowered from 25 to 21.

Declaring that he had in no way altered his opinion that

cussed by Dr. Floyd W. Reeves, director of the American Youth Commission, who asserted that preparation for that period is immediately necessary. If another "youth problem", probably more severe than that of the Nineteen Thirties, is to be avoided.

Other speakers included: President William D. Tolley of Allegheny College, who reported on a self-survey conducted by twenty-one colleges; Dr. Charles F. Hoban Jr., who advocated the use of motion pictures in schools as "supplementary aids to learning"; Dr. Karl W. Bigelow, director of the Commission on Teacher Education, and Henry W. Holmes, chairman of the University Committee on Education Relations, Harvard University, and Noel F. Hall, Minister of Economic Warfare, attached to the British Embassy.

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♠ 10 9 8 4 3
♥ A J 7 6 5
♦ 8
♣ 4 2

♠ 7 8 3
♥ 10
♦ A K 10 4
♣ K 9 8 6 5

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♠ A J 5
♥ 9 4
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ A J 7 3

♠ K Q
♥ K Q 8 3 2
♦ Q 7 3 2
♣ Q 10

The bidding:

South West North East
1♥ Pass 4♥ Pass

We led the King of diamonds, and South dropped his diamond even without the slightest hesitation. Thereupon West went into a high tackle.

To butt to pads, might give South a free line on, or perhaps, pass him a cue. To shift to clubs, might result in the loss of a trick. The singleton Trump would produce a horrible result at East had three trumps to the Queen.

All shift, therefore, were dangerous, or so West thought. Then West thought of that large-looking five of diamonds when his partner had played on the first trick. Where were the three and two of diamonds? If East had either of those cards, the diamond five had been the beginning of a "come-on" signal — asking for a diamond continuation.

So West finally led a small diamond at the second trick, deceived by South's false-card of the seven of diamonds. South naturally discarded a club from the dummy and then easily made his contract. If West had shifted to any other suit, the defence could have taken four tricks without any trouble.

Saturday you were Howard Schenken's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you held

♠ K 7 3
♥ A K 4
♦ K 9 5 2
♣ A K 6

The bidding:

Jacoby You Maier Schenken
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠
Pass 2NT Pass 3♠
Pass 4♠ Pass 5♠
Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid six spades. You are strong enough to accept this Slam invitation since you have full value for your bidding, including two Aces. Partner cannot have enough for a Grand Slam, so there is little point in bidding one of your Aces.

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Question No. 719

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q J 10 8 4 3
♥ J 10 3
♦ A 4
♣ 7 5

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby Maier You
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠
Pass 2NT Pass (?)

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AXIS WORRIED BY U.S.

German leaders are increasingly discussing the possibility the United States might plunge into the war.

Nazis expressed belief that "war agitators" are gaining ground in the United States.

Some newspapers viewed the situation seriously. Some revived the suggestion that the continent of Europe must be welded together to oppose the Anglo-Saxon world, indicating that France was considered part of this scheme of unity.

The press vigorously denounced American interventionism.

Recent newspaper played up reports that the United States' entrance into the war was only a matter of weeks, or possibly days.

"Il Popolo d'Italia," one of the most influential papers in the country, speculated whether the decision to enter the war to Congress, or whether he "would preserve a course of non-interference with a headside from one of his usual parties."

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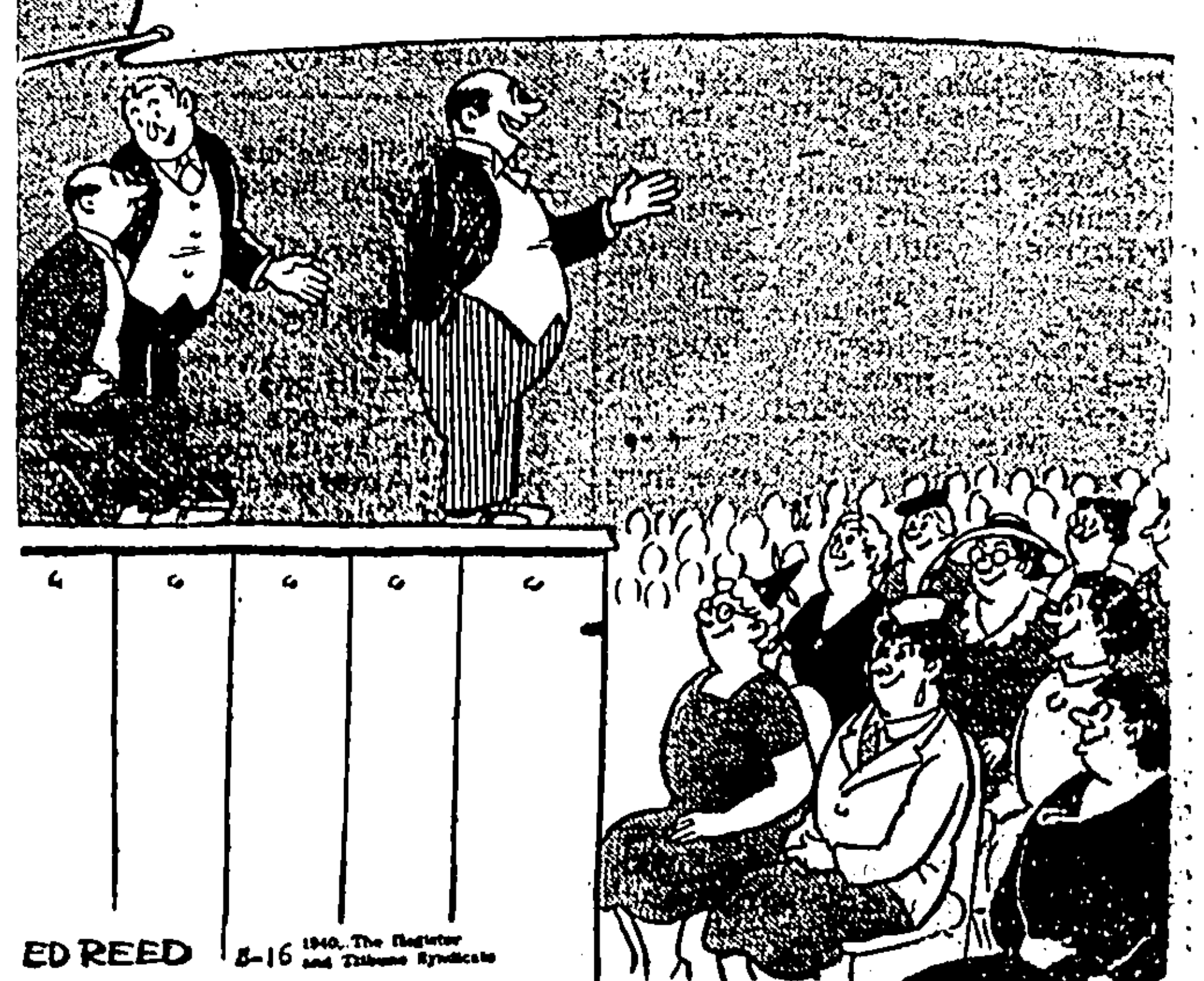
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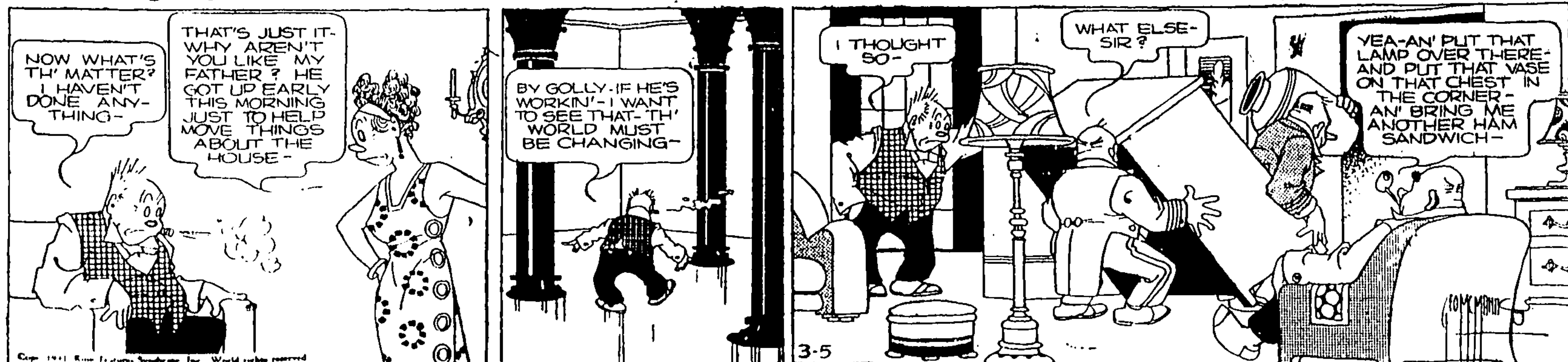
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Bringing Up Father

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Hot and Cold Foot Dunkings

If flowered hats and navy blue do not convince us that spring has arrived, then our feet will do the job. For feet in spring seem to want to burst from their shoe bindings to walk on the soft, fresh green turf. Foot aches and burnings are common during this season that to-day's costume will be devoted entirely to suggestions for foot care.

First of all it is a good idea to get your spring and summer shoes a width wider or a half size larger than your winter shoes. That allows a bit for normal foot expansion.

Never wear new hose with new shoes without first rinsing the hose of the dressing. The friction caused by new leather insoles and the dressing in the hose can create a very uncomfortable burn. Also be certain that your hose are long enough—short hose restrict the action of the toes and cause a cramping. Synthetic hose seem to



To banish foot pain try alternating hot and cold dunkings as circulation pepper-uppers, and massage after with a good cream lotion. This handy waistline bottle doesn't slip, even though your hands are wet.

be more binding than the silk hose and many women are discovering that they require a size larger when they purchase synthetic weaves.

I take it for granted that all my steady readers give their feet a thorough pedicure once a week. That keeps toenails the proper length and shape and prevents any ingrown nail or hangnail, or callous from causing misery.

Even the hardest and oldest of callous can be erased by a steady application of liquid cuticle remover, after a foot soaking, and a gentle rubbing with pumice stone or the softest of emery boards. Do not attempt ever to cut away a callous at one time—remove it gradually.

If you do suffer with callouses it would pay you to investigate various shoe lasts. Properly fitting shoes which give your feet adequate support should not permit a callous to form unless you have acquired poor walking habits and turn on your feet instead of landing on them squarely. If that is the case exercise daily in your bare feet around a room until you train your feet to walk correctly.

A Relieving Treatment

When your feet rebel against shoe restrictions, or are fatigued from much use, try this relieving treatment. Fill one basin with hot water in which is dumped one cup of epsom salts. In another basin have cold water. Soak your feet first in the hot bath, then chill them in the cold water. Thus alternate dunkings until every pain and ache has been drawn out. If you are very rushed you may apply a stimulating foot lotion

directly after these dunkings, but it is better for you to first brush your feet vigorously with soap and hot water—not forgetting the soles. Such a brushing is most invigorating and our feet get too few of them.

I am convinced that every woman should have on hand a bottle of specially mixed foot lotion. Such a lotion contains healing and soothing ingredients which the normal run of hand or face creams cannot boast.

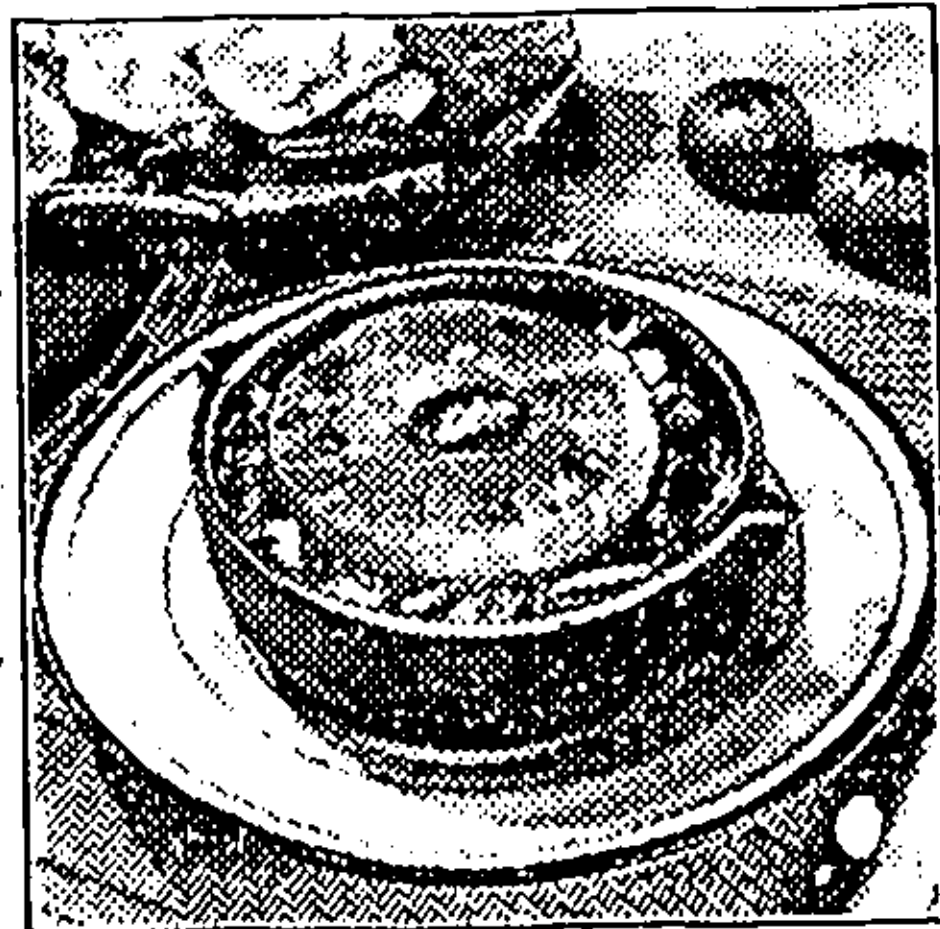


A confirmed optimist is he who thinks there'll come a time when he can take life easy.

Gumbo Casserole with PINEAPPLE TOP

by Dorothy Greig

MY jolly feather-pillow of an Aunt Annie was never so chuckling content as when passing on to us young ones her cooking lore. "To make a fine dish you do need good ingredients," she'd say. "But it's what you do with them that really counts."



This Gumbo Casserole always reminds me of that particular bit of Aunt Annie's philosophy. Its chief ingredients are chicken meat, a drift of hot snowy rice, tender pink ham, cut in small pieces. And we treat them handsomely... first, by blending in condensed chicken soup which spreads lovely chicken flavor through and through the dish. Then we finish with a topping of glazed pineapple and serve the casserole gently sizzling and fragrant right from the oven.

- 1 can condensed chicken gumbo soup
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 1/2 cup chicken, diced
- 1/2 cup ham, diced
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento

Cut the chicken and ham in 3/16 inch dices. Combine the cooked rice, diced chicken, diced ham and chopped pimiento. Then add the chicken gumbo soup. Mix together and put into a buttered casserole—either one large one or five individual casseroles. Serves 5.

Pineapple Ring Toppings:

- 5 slices pineapple
 - 15 whole cloves
 - 5 tablespoons brown sugar
 - 5 tablespoons butter
- Arrange the pineapple rings on the top of the rice mixture. On each pineapple ring:
- 1. sprinkle 1 teaspoon brown sugar
 - 2. dot with 1 teaspoon butter
 - 3. put in 3 whole cloves
- Place the casseroles in a moderate (375° F.) oven for 15-25 minutes until thoroughly heated and pineapple rings are glazed.

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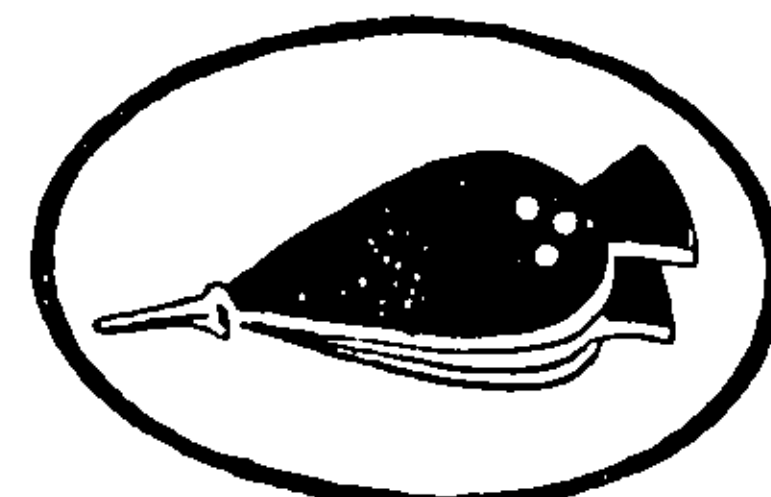


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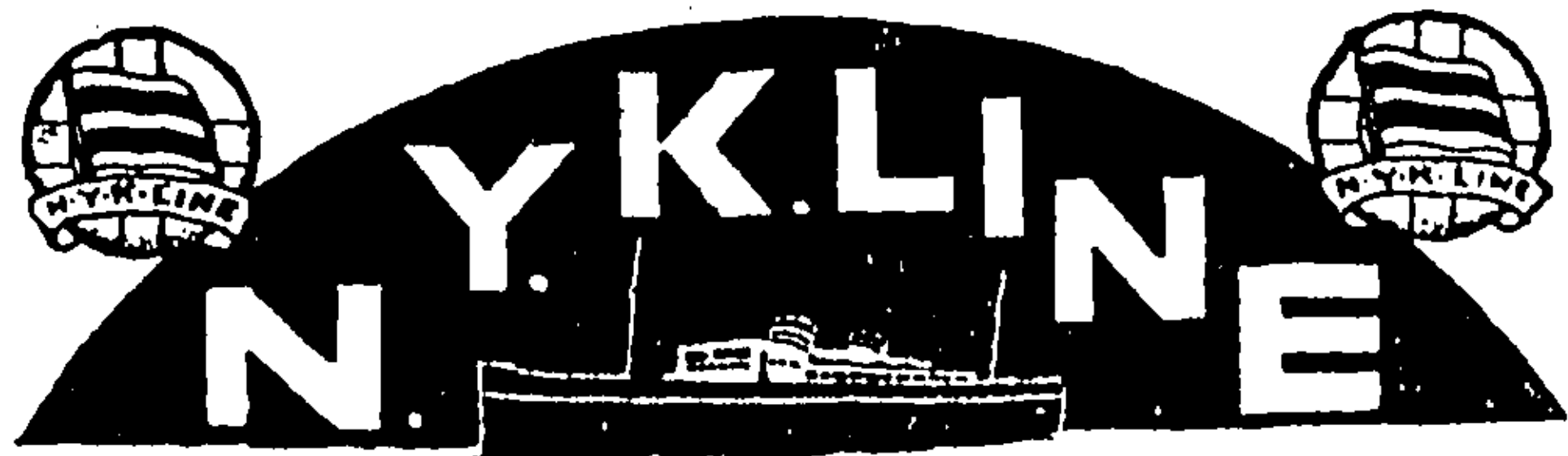
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Fox-Trots—What Have You Got That Gets Me.

You're Lovely Madame.

Novelty Fox-Trot—Big Chief De Solo

Fox-Trot—Cross Patch.

Fox-Trots When the Red, Red Robin Comes Bob, Bob, Bobbin' Along

Them There Eyes

Fox-Trot—Mourning Blues.

Fox-Trots Smokey Mary.

Cherry.

1.00 p.m. Local Time Signal

1.01 p.m.—Variety with Dinah Shore, Bob Dyer and Dick Powell.

Vocal My Kingdom for a Kiss

Two Hearts Divided (both from film "Hearts Divided")

Dick Powell with Orchestra

Piano Fools Rush In (Mercer, Bloom)

Where the Blue Begins (from "Top of the World")

Billy Mayerl (Piano)

Humorous The Death of Willie The Martins and the Coys

Bob Dyer ("The Last of the Hill Billies") with Orchestra

Fox-Trot When I Dream of You, I Dream of Old Hawaii

Charles Kania and his Moana Hawaiians

Vocal Imagination (Burke and van Heusen)

Say It (Alba "Buck Benny Rides Again")

Dinah Shore with Orchestra

1.30 p.m. Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements

1.45 p.m.—Brahms—Quartet in A Minor, Op. 51, No. 2.

1st Mov. Allegro non troppo

2nd Mov. Andante moderato

3rd Mov. Quasi-meno mosso, moderato

4th Mov. Allegretto vivace

Finale Allegro non assai

Lerner String Quartet

2.15 p.m. Close Down

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m. Closing local Stock Quotations

6.32 p.m.—Beethoven—"Pathétique" Sonata in C Minor, Op. 13.

1st Mov. Grave—Allegro molto e con brio

2nd Mov. Adagio cantabile

3rd Mov. Rondo Allegro

Wilhelm Kempff (Piano)

6.51 p.m.—Two Songs by Alexander Kipnis (Bass).

Vocal, Op. 105, No. 5 (Lencke-Brahms)

Ah die Nachtigall, Op. 45, No. 4 (Holtz-Brahms)

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme with Essie Ackland (Contralto).

The Gypsy Baron Selection (Joh Strauss)

George Boulanger and his Orch

My Creed (Lockton, Carne)

Break Fareast Dawn (Handel, arr Ochs)

Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Orch

Dream Serenade (Boulanger, arr Satow)

When I Am Happy—Waltz (Boulanger)

George Boulanger and his Orch

Whatever is, is Best (Loht)

Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Organ

Furiant ("Schwanda"—Weinberger)

Polka ("Schwanda"—Weinberger)

State Opera Orchestra

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements

8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.

8.05 p.m.—Concert, Waltzes

The Last Letter—Waltz (Reggov).

Twinkling Lights—Waltz Melodies (Zeller).

In Dreamy Night—Waltz (Ziehrer)

Orchestra Mascotte.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Eddie Peabody (Banjo) and Len Green (Piano).

Melodies of the Month, No. 2.

Intro: My Dance; Marie Louise;

It's easy to Remember; Vienna in Springtime; The Bridal Waltz; A Street in old Seville

Len Green (Piano) with String Bass and Drums.

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Some of these Days—(Brooks).

Eddie Peabody playing his Banjo, Mando-Cello, Mandoline and Banjoline with Piano.

St. Louis Blues (Handy).

Eddie Peabody (Banjo) with piano.

Melodies of the Month No. 6.

Intro: Chasing Shadows; One night of love; I'll never say "never again" again

Len Green (Piano) with Drums.

Just a Crazy Song (Smith and Williams)

Eddie Peabody playing his Banjo, Guitar, Mandoline and Mando-Cello with Own Vocal Chorus with Piano

Melodies of the Month, No. 15

Intro: These foolish things Would you? Poor little Angelina. The story of love; Love is lady; Melody from the sky

Len Green (Piano)

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 p.m.—Plantation Songs.

Campdown Races, Uncle Ned, Ring de Banjo

Old Black Joe

Frank Luther and the Lyn Murray Quartet

My Old Kentucky Home (Foster)

Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orch.

Nellie Bly; Hard Times Come Again No More; Oh! Susanna.

Massa's in de Cold, Cold Ground.

Frank Luther and the Lyn Murray Quartet.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.

10.15 p.m.—London Relay—"The Stones Cry Out."

Feature Programme A B.B.C. Production Made in England.

10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—That's My Way of Saying I Love You

Sunset at Sea

Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye

Rumba—The Rumba-Cardi

Fox-Trot Whatever Happened to You

Naxos Cugat and his Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra

Fox-Trot—A Little King without a Crown.

Show Fox-Trot—In a Little Rocky Valley

Joe Loss and his Orchestra

Fox-Trots—Walkin' by the River. So You're the One

Hal Kemp and his Orchestra

Waltz—Tovland

Harry Heilick and His Orch

11.00 p.m. Close Down.

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The avowed object of the enemy was to obtain a quick decision

What was the plan which he sought to carry through in these four phases? It is impossible to say with certainty, at this moment. The German mind is very methodical and immensely painstaking. Schemes are worked out

The general plan for the use of the Luftwaffe was to seize and exploit to the full the mastery of the air. This was the main feature in the Polish campaign, in attacks on Norway and the Low Countries and, even to a large extent, in France. Aerodromes were to be put out of action thus tying opposing Air Forces to the ground. Ports and communications could then be destroyed without hindrance, the military forces of the enemy paralysed and German armoured divisions placed in position to operate undisturbed. Success meant the destruction of civilian morale and then internal disruption and surrender.

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"I hope that the doors of Wimbledon will never again in any time be opened to a German. And the same goes for all our sporting events."

"We must start a 'Never Again' club, the membership pledge being to boycott after the war all sporting events in which the entire of Germans and Italian (who are only fit to play with each other) have been accepted. This to go especially for Olympic Games and all other sporting international."

The snowball grew into an avalanche. It spread, as it had to outside the domain of sport and became an insistent demand by a vast public for organised expression on broader lines than I had in mind.

Floodtide

Sir Robert Vansittart's series of broadcasts further fanned the flame, and the culmination has been the formation of a "Never Again" association, which, within



a few days of its launching, has enrolled thousands of members. Long before the day of reckoning it will be hundreds of thousands. Millions is a possibility.

The many who have written to me since I first broke the subject in the autumn asking impatiently for action will now understand why I delayed returning to the subject.

The number of well-known men with no political interests, including several well-known sports leaders, were determined national expression should be given to the feeling about the Nazi untouchables.

They laid the foundation stones of a well organised association, and the response has been immediate and astonishing.

Intensive Sports Drive

I note among the names of the distinguished Provisional Committee that of Major A. Whitley Lavarack, M.C., honorary secretary of the English Golf Union and European Golf Association, and a well-known football leader who was one of the pioneer members.

An intensive membership drive in all the sports is on the way, and I suggest to the new association there is scope for the sports section pledged to fight any attempts to resume sporting relations with a nation where there is no understanding of sportsmanship until the parent body is satisfied all its objects have been achieved.

Philip Gee is the honorary secretary, the address is the "Never Again" Association, 5, New Court, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.2, and there is a minimum subscription of one shilling.

TENNIS LEAGUE OPENING

By "Adrem"

One of the First Division League tennis matches scheduled for to-day has been postponed and only two matches will mark the opening of the 1941 tennis season.

I have been unable to secure the line-ups in the C.R.C.-University fixture but I understand that neither W. C. Hung nor Paul Kong, two of the registered players, will be turning out.

University I think, are somewhat affected by Volunteer duties, but they should be able to turn out a pretty useful side, with most of their best players appearing.

K.C.C. will be without Teddy Fincher, who will be Volunteer, and Guest and Grose, two players registered for Second Division, will be turning out against Cricket Club. With Goldman and Pugh appearing as the H.K.C.C. first-string, the latter team should be fairly powerful this season and I shall not be surprised if they win this afternoon.

The Recreio-South China match has been postponed, as members of the former team will be Volunteering, and will be played tomorrow.

Following is to-day's programme and some of the teams:

C.R.C. v H.K.U.T.C.
H.K.C.C. v K.C.C.

H.K.C.C. L. Goldman and M. Pugh; T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould; C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell.

K.C.C. A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose; A. Crawford and S. A. Gray; E. F. Fincher and G. C. Burnett.

RANGERS WIN CUP FINAL

A crowd of 60,000 saw Rangers, who scored twice in the last four minutes, beat Hearts 4-2 to retain the Scottish Association Football Cup at Hampden Park on Saturday.

The Rangers' forwards were strong and thrustful. Venters and Smith scored within the first 20 minutes.

Hearts had some great attacking spells but finished weakly though Hamilton scored five minutes before half-time.

Hearts made a spirited defence in the second half. Hamilton equalised for them in the 25th minute after which there were equal mid-field exchanges until Thornton and Johnstone scored for Rangers in the closing minutes.—Reuter.

SATURDAY'S BOWLS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Following were Saturday's League lawn bowls results:—

First Division

RECREIO, "A" (2)	74	POLICE R.C. (1)	49
CRAIGENGOWER (3)	89	KOWLOON C.C. (0)	41
CIVIL SERVICE (1)	42	RECREIO, "B" (2)	62
INDIAN R.C. (2)	61	KOWLOON B.G.C. "A" (1)	50
KOWLOON DOCK (1)	46	KOWLOON B.G.C. "B" (2)	58

Second Division

RECREIO (1)	64	PRISON OFFICERS (2)	73
HONG KONG C.C. (0)	43	KOWLOON TONG (3)	89
KOWLOON C.C. (2)	57	HONG KONG F.C. (1)	50
TAIKOO (1)	50	CRAIGENGOWER (2)	62

Third Division

CRAIGENGOWER (1)	47	INDIAN R.C. (2)	66
KOWLOON B.G.C. (1)	54	KOWLOON F.C. (2)	60
HONG KONG F.C. (2)	57	RECREIO (1)	49
POLICE R.C. (2)	80	H.K. ELECTRIC (1)	33

Figures in brackets denote rink wins.

Skip's Tables

FOLLOWING IS THE RECORD OF THE SKIPS IN THE THREE DIVISIONS OF THE LEAGUE:—

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	3	3	0	0	79	43	36	0	6
A. P. Gutierrez (Rec. "B")	3	3	0	0	73	40	33	0	6
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C. "A")	3	3	0	0	72	41	31	0	6
R. F. Luz (Rec. "A")	3	3	0	0	69	46	24	0	6
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	3	3	0	0	68	45	23	0	6
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	3	3	0	0	71	54	17	0	6
C. S. Rossalet (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	71	42	29	0	4
B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	79	54	25	0	4
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C. "B")	3	2	0	1	72	56	16	0	4
J. Bacto (Rec. "B")	3	2	0	1	60	48	12	0	4
F. X. Silva (Rec. "A")	3	2	0	1	56	47	9	0	4
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C. "A")	3	2	0	1	56	48	8	0	4
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	3	2	0	1	63	56	7	0	4
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	1	1	58	53	5	0	3
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	58	59	0	1	2
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	52	53	0	1	2
L. Guy (K.B.G.C. "B")	3	1	0	2	58	60	0	2	2
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	52	55	0	3	2
M. N. Rakuten (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	50	60	0	10	2
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	51	62	0	11	2
B. Bacto (Rec. "B")	3	1	0	2	51	63	0	12	2
T. A. Madar (K.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	58	71	0	13	2
J. McKelvie (K.B.G.C. "B")	3	1	0	2	48	65	0	17	2
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	45	71	0	26	2
W. Mair (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	48	77	0	29	2
J. Fraser (K.C.C.)	3	0	1	2	46	67	0	21	1
G. S. Sherriff (K.B.G.C. "A")	3	0	0	3	51	68	0	17	0
E. G. Post (P.R.C.)	3	0	0	3	46	67	0	21	0
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	3	0	0	3	38	74	0	36	0
T. Coleman (K.D.R.C.)	3	0	0	3	31	86	0	55	0
Totals	90	44	2	44	1730	1730	275	275	90

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
A. J. Kew (K. Tong)	3	3	0	0	80	38	42	0	6
J. L. Stephens (K. Tong)	3	2	1	0	78	54	24	0	5
W. V. Field (K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	66	34	32	0	4
P. Younghusband (K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	40	27	13	0	4
C. Goward (P.O.C.)	3	2	0	1	86	49	37	0	4
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	66	46	20	0	4
T. L. Lock (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	62	51	11	0	4
W. J. Bagley (P.O.C.)	3	2	0	1	71	69	2	0	4
R. S. Meadows (K.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	63	60	3	0	4
A. Jillett (P.O.C.)	3	2	0	1	57	63	0	6	4
W. J. Howard (K. Tong)	3	1	1	1	67	56	11	0	3
N. MacFarlane (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	1	1	53	49	4	0	3
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	3	1	1	1	55	62	0	7	3
A. Steven (K.C.C.)	3	1	1	1	53	63	0	10	3
O. P. Remedios (Recreio)	3	1	1	1	53	66	0	13	3
W. Melrose (T.D.R.C.)	2	1	0	1	45	33	12	0	2
W. G. Gill (H.K.F.C.)	2	1	0	1	33	36	0	3	2
J. C. Chalmers (T.D.R.C.)	2	1	0	1	34	40	0	6	2
A. W. Brown (H.K.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	30	42	0	12	2
J. A. Remedios (Recreio)	3	1	0	2	57	56	1	0	2
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	47	60	0	13	2
J. R. Soares (Recreio)	3	1	0	2	67	80	0	13	2
A. Brookbank (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	32	0	17	0
W. Simpson (K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
F. Goodwin (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	36	57	0	21	0
G. E. Cosello (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	30	54	0	24	0
J. A. Watson (T.D.R.C.)	2	0	0	2	21	58	0	37	0
H. V. Pearce (H.K.F.C.)	3	0	0	3	39	58	0	19	0
Totals	72	33	6	33	1431	1431	212	212	72

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
A. M. Wahab (I.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	50	25	25	0	4
C. F. Needham (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	50	30	20	0	4
E. S. Abraham (H.K.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	43	31	12	0	4
K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.O.)	2	2	0	0	44	37	7	0	4
J. C. Aitken (P.R.C.)	3	2	0	1	72	46	26	0	4
A. O. Madar (I.R.C.)	3	2	0	1	64	48	16	0	4
J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	3	2	0	1	67	53	14	0	4
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	3	2	0	1	59	52	7	0	4
R. Ogden (K.R.C.)	3	2	0	1	66	61	5	0	4
M. F. Alarcon (Recreio)	3	2	0	1	62	63	0	1	4
B. Evans (K.R.C.)	3	2	0	1	53	55	0	2	4
J. MacDonald (P.R.C.)	3	1	1	1	60	38	22	0	3
Sz. Ma. Ramjahn (I.R.C.)	3	1	1	1	62	60	2	0	3
L. Gaddi (Q.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	28	20	8	0	2
A. Nassim (H.K.C.O.)	1	1	0	0	24	18	6	0	2
W. A. Cornell (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	16	5	0	2
J. B. Gilroy (H.K.O.C.)	1	1	0	0	19	15	4	0	2
L. de Rome (H.K.E.R.C.)	2	1	0	1	39	34	5	0	2
H. Nish (K.B.G.C.)	2	1	0	1	43	41	2	0	2
G. Sz. Ladd (Q.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	36	0	1	2
R. Channing (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	57	58	0	1	2
M. A. Carvalho (Recreio)	3	1	0	2	45	51	0	6	2
P. C. Morgan (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	55	64	0	9	2
A. J. Coelho (P.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	37	63	0	26	2
N. R. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	22	23	0	1	0
B. A. Mansell (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	17	20	0	3	0
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
C. E. Gahagan (H.K.B.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	20	0	6	0
A. McKellar (H.K.O.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	29	0	15	0
J. K. Sloan (H.K.B.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	6	36	0	30	0
G. E. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
J. Pau (C.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	34	56	0	22	0
A. F. Paul (H.K.I.R.C.)	2	0	0	2	21	53	0	32	0
P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	0	0	3	48	64	0	16	0
Totals	72	35	2	35	1374	1374	186	186	72



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PECULIAR NAMES IN SPORT

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Charles Dickens knew the answer. So does Damon Runyan.

"I've always suspected that the man who made the neat-get-away with the Crown Jewels only traded under the name of Blood, with the Colonel thrown in for luck, and that his real name was Postlethwaite, or Popjoy, or even Cohen, writes a correspondent from London.

Sporting men have rarely risen to the possibilities of colourful nomenclature. Boxers have tried without much imagination, and all-in wrestlers with too much, but professional footballers and cricketers are generally content to battle on with the label pinned on them by short-sighted parents.

The Sunderland of Buchan's day had a winger named Death, who was so quick off the mark 'tis said they had to close the gates at Roker to keep him in the ground. But he wasn't christened Sudden.

And it was not until a contemporary who bore the name of a distinguished performer in a sinister public office joined Death in the Gillingham forward line that the Ellis Death partnership became known as the Hangman Wing.

Boozer's Gloom

Almost unnoticed there was once an important League match played in which the winning team's goalkeeper was Cann and the loser's Cant, but you couldn't have improved on Wigglesworth for an elusive winger. It probably added £2,000 to the fee when the Wolverhampton manager Major Buckley put him up for transfer.

Which, somewhere, brings me to my news that Alf Chapman, grand old gentleman, Boozer's Gloom, is back in training again after a successful leg operation.

Now that's a name, gentlemen. It just had to win races. I back it most times out, and it generally pays a dividend.

Bought After A Celebration

With a mother called Take a Glass it would have been perfect if the sire had been Hangover and not an aristocratic Gainsborough.

But Boozer's Gloom, if not named after an owner's night out—he was a Colonel McCalmont two-year-old, Stockbridge trained, does now belong to a licensee, and was bought at the Star and Garter, Windsor, after a celebration. Here's the story.

How It Happened

Mr Chapman had backed his own horse Buck of Berks to win a fortune, but Boozer's Gloom beat him easily. Next time out, with a big pull in the weight, Buck of Berks just beat the other.

But by now Mr. Chapman had formed a high opinion of Boozer's Gloom, and when that evening at the Star and Garter the Lewes trainer, Jack Lang and a neighbour there was an offer for him from the Russian Government Mr. Chapman sat up and took notice.

He made a bid, and included in the offer a gentleman's agreement that Jack should always train the horse.

The deal was clinched, and Boozer's Gloom won ten races for his new owner.

The Other Gordon

Each morning, like the sober gent he is, The Boozer goes for a lone country walk from his farm near Ongar.

At a certain spot he pokes his head over the hedge, neighs a courteous good morning to an old friend, and then gallops straight home by himself—never late for lunch.

Strange how The Boozer has been linked with trade associations.

About a year ago he was often ridden at exercise by Alf Gordon, one of the most successful English jockeys to ride on the Continent, and now a popular mine host at Selsey Bill.

Gordon rode over 500 winners while abroad. He won the last Danish Derby at Copenhagen, and can give you plenty of evidence of insidious Nazi activities in that country, even in racing, in the months preceding the invasion.

Boastful, Bashful, And Brazen

Coming back to names, there is a much-talked-about product of

the G.R.A. nursery kennel called Boastful, who, of course, turned out to be a modest, unassuming fellow in spite of his great promise and his beautiful coat, which is that rare blending of silver and beige, known to the cognoscenti as silver handle.

Now here's Lewis Hancock, his trainer, saying Boastful is much less noisy and forward than his little sisters Nellie and Jill, contrarily enough, to appear in public as Rightful and Brazen.

BAD PERFORMANCES AT ATHLETIC MEET

Army beat the Chinese by 32 points to 22 in the athletic match at Caroline Hill Stadium yesterday.

Performances were on the poor side, and even Pte. Lever of Middlesex could do no better than 158 ft. 5½ ins. with the javelin, though he threw the discus 114 ft. 1 5/8 ins.

The high jump produced a best performance of only 5 ft. 4 ins. and the long jump a best leap of 20 ft. 4 ins.

Brig J. T. W. Reeve, D.S.O., presented, at the conclusion of the sports, the Chuk Hung Athletic Cup to Lt. Pollock, Captain of the Army team. The Cup was presented by Mr. Ko Chuk-hung to be kept for one year by the winning team.

Mr. Tseng King-hong, Manager of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation team, and Mr. Mok Hung, Chairman of the Federation, also spoke at the presentation ceremony.

400 Metres Relay:—1, Army (Sgt. March, Gnr. Perry, Gnr. Rocha and

Gnr. Marshall); 2, Chinese (Lo Chi-to, Lau Chi-kin, Lai Chung-yiu and Lam Man-sing). Time: 48.2/5 secs.

Throwing the Discus:—1, Army (Pte. Lever and L/Cpl. Woolley); 2, Chinese (Lo Shun-shok and Suen Yue). Distance: 65.20 metres.

400 Metres Hurdles Relay:—1, Army (Capt. Skipwith, Gnr. Marshall, Gnr. Pollock and Sgt. Halsey); 2, Chinese (Chan Tin-chau, Au Kit-man, Lui Chan-lau and Lui Kwai-chuen). Time: 1 min. 11.3/5 secs.

Putting the Weight:—1, Army (Hav. Sarsar Khan and L/W. Shingara Singh); 2, Chinese (Lo Shun-shok and Yu Man-fun). Distance: 21.2 metres.

800 Metres Relay:—1, Chinese (Tam Hoi-chuen, Lo Chi-to, Chau Hon-shui and Leung Man-sing); 2, Army (L/Cpl. Bright, Cpl. Mathews, Cpl. Seton and L/Cpl. Bendon). Time: 1 min. 42 secs.

Pole Vault:—1, Chinese (Chu Fook-sing and Fong Chih-hung); 2, Army (Hav. Ma), Kundan Singh and Pte. Thomas). Height: 20.4 metres.

Throwing the Javelin:—1, Army (Capt. Skipwith and Pte. Lever); 2, Chinese (Lo Shun-shok and Tak Chun). Distance: 90.3 metres.

1,500 Metres Team Relay:—1, Army (Hav. Mohammed Ali, N.K. Sardara Singh, L/N.K. Bardh Singh and Gnr. Johndan Singh); 2, Chinese (Cheung Kat-pul, Chan Shiu-wai, So Pak-sing and Leung Lai-ying). Time: 4 mins. 38.3/5 secs.

1,600 Metres Relay:—1, Army (L/Cpl. Cocks, L/Cpl. McGrady, Pte. Goodair and Pte. Williams); 2, Chinese (Cheung Chau, Sin Kwok-bun, Lui Chan-lau and Lam Kwok-leung). Time: 3 mins. 48.2/5 secs.

High Jump:—1, Chinese (Lam Hung-loy and Chang Chun-gun); 2, Army (Capt. Skipwith and Gnr. Chadra Bhan Singh). Height: 10.7 metres.

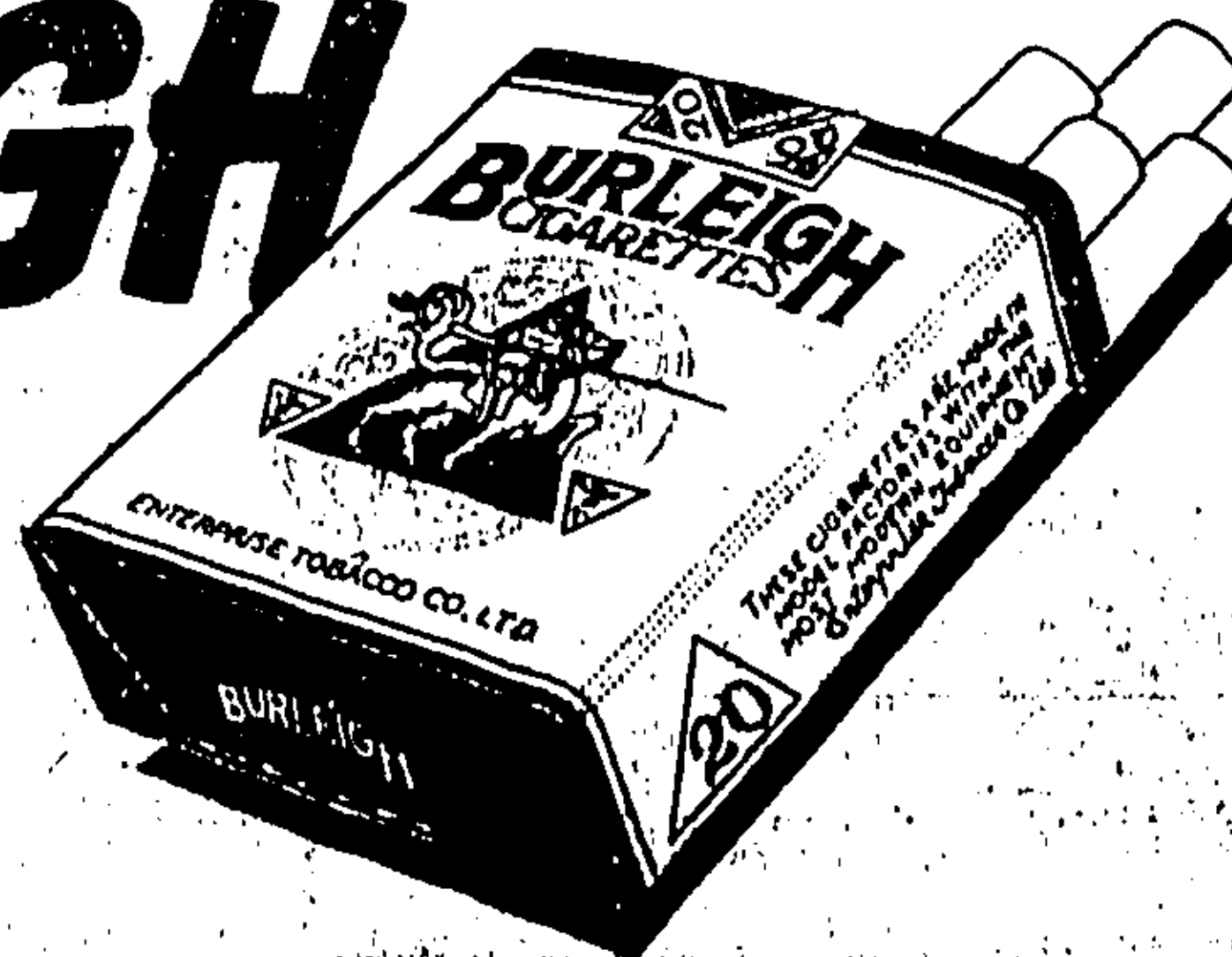
5,000 Metres Relay:—1, Army (Hav. Karan Bahsh, Gnr. Likman Khan, Gnr. Sohan Sing and L/N. Mohammed Sharif); 2, Chinese (Li Yuk-fong, Chau Shiu-wai, So Pak-sing and Leung Lai-ying). Time: 5 mins. 4 secs.

Long Jump:—1, Army (L/N Nath Shingara Singh and Gnr. Halden Ali); 2, Chinese (Tam Hoi-chuen and Leung Man-sing). Distance: 20.8 metres.

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A B.B.C. broadcast picked up in New York quoted a Rumanian radio station as announcing that Germany has begun transporting infantry on board ships in Rumanian Black Sea ports through the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, presumably headed for Syria and Iraq.—International News Service.

22 NAZI 'PLANES DESTROYED

TWENTY-TWO NAZI AIR CRAFT WERE DESTROYED BY THE R.A.F. IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN OPERATIONS ON SATURDAY NIGHT RANGING THROUGH CYRENAICA, GREECE, IRAQ, ABYSSINIA, THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE AND CRETE, ACCORDING TO YESTERDAY'S R.A.F. CAIRO COMMUNIQUE.

In addition 20 Junkers 52's were seen to be hit at Hassani aerodrome, in Greece.

Twenty vehicles were destroyed by fire near Capuzzo.—Reuter.

Croatian Farce Carried Through

FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT of the nomination of the Duke of Spoleto to the throne of Croatia, the Croat delegation attended at the Palazzo Venezia for the signature of military and frontier agreements with Italy.

Before the signature Pavelitch and Mussolini appeared four times on the balcony, to be cheered by the crowd, after which Mussolini insisted that the Croats should appear a fifth time by themselves.

The agreements were then signed by Mussolini and Pavelitch in the presence of Ciano and the Croat delegation, including the secretary of the Oustachi (terrorist) organisation.

The documents comprising the treaty define the frontiers between Italy and Croatia, a military agreement in regard to the Mediterranean coastal zone, a treaty of guarantee and collaboration, a final protocol and an exchange of letters between the heads of the two Governments.

Under the frontier agreement the port of Susak, near Fiume, is to be Italy's though it lies in Croatia. The next port down the coast, Kraljevica, is included in Croatia.

The coast of Croatia will include the port of Sebenico, in Dalmatia.—Reuter.

"Of Roman Strength"

The new kingdom of Croatia is to be developed into a state of "Roman strength," Mussolini announced yesterday.

He made this declaration at a luncheon to Croat delegates following the Duke of Spoleto's nomination as King of Croatia.

The Duce described the Croatian Oustachi (terrorist organisation) as "the armed guard of the Croat revolution" and paid a warm tribute to Pavelitch as leader of that organisation.—Reuter.

TYPICAL NAZI CANARD

In their anxiety to discredit Britain in the eyes of the world, particularly in Greece, it is stated authoritatively in London that the Germans have invented a story which their Trans-Ocean news service has given to the world.

The fabrication says that Sir Michael Palaret, British Minister formerly in Athens, was going to Palestine and had said that all future communications between the British and Greek Governments would be transacted through the Greek Legation in London.

Authoritative quarters in London says there is no word of truth in the allegation. Normal diplomatic relations are being maintained between the British Government and her ally, the Greek Government.—Reuter.

MAN HUNT FOR NAZI WAR PRISONERS

One of the most dramatic man-hunts ever staged in north-west England, in which bloodhounds, police, soldiers and mobile units of the Home Guard participated, ended yesterday with the capture of the last of the five Nazi prisoners who escaped from an internment camp on Friday.

He was a naval wireless officer and the only one of the escaped men who was dressed in civilian clothes.

Pursuers found him near the scene of the arrest of his four companions, about 15 miles from the prison camp.—Reuter.

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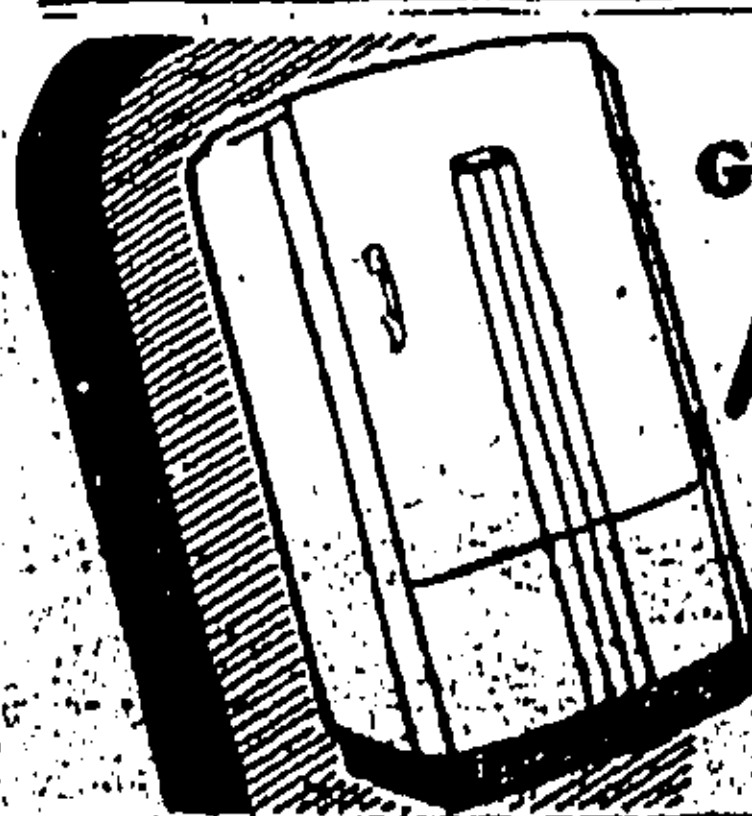
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Invasion Ports Battered

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Saturday night's battering of the invasion ports on the French coast was carried out by waves of R.A.F. bombers and developed into one of the heaviest air attacks of the war.

This gigantic assault followed the Air Ministry announcement that the Rhineland industrial centre of Cologne had been left in fiery ruins by the British bombing attack of the previous night.

Dover reports the heaviest explosions yet heard from the French coast, which rattled doors and windows in Kent coast towns. Tremendous bomb flashes were seen across the Channel, lighting the clear, starry sky.

IT IS PRESUMED THAT THE BRITISH RAIDERS, WHICH NUMBERED OVER 100, WERE USING POWERFUL NEW SUPER-BOMBS.

Heaviest blows appeared to be centred on Dunkirk but Boulogne was also lashed and German long-range artillery in the Gris Nez region was heavily pounded.—International News Service.

AUSTRALIA NOT TO BE OVERAWED

Australia would not be overawed by any menace in the Pacific, declared Sir Frederick Stewart, Commonwealth Minister for External Affairs, in a speech in Sydney yesterday.

He said: "We may want peace but if any nation thinks it can profit by our preoccupation elsewhere I can say Australia is ready and able to defend herself. I cannot accept with equanimity Mr. Matsukata's statement that he intends to work in the closest union with Germany."—Reuter.

ACCORDING TO ROME

British positions have been attacked at Basra by Iraqi rebels and fierce fighting is in progress, according to Rome radio yesterday, quoting unconfirmed reports.—Reuter.

HITLER CHECK ON FURTHER HESS-CAPADES

Hitler has banned his associates from travelling, even for private purposes, with the result that Goering has had to abandon a hunting trip which he had planned.

This is one of the consequences of Hess's flight, says the Stockholm correspondent of the Independent French Agency reporting the ban.—Reuter.

Key Positions In Port Occupied

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GERMAN SEIZURE OF PORT FACILITIES, AERODROMES AND PART OF THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICES OF THE FRENCH WEST AFRICAN PORT OF DAKAR, WAS REPORTED LAST NIGHT BY USUALLY RELIABLE FRENCH SOURCES IN LONDON.

Some of the best and most modern ships of the French Navy are reported to be anchored in harbour at Dakar, the African port nearest to South America.

The report of Germany's partial occupation of Dakar coincides with press messages describing the influx of

German army, navy and air force officers and "technicians" into the Senegalese port.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Senator Claude Pepper is still suggesting American seizure of Dakar as a counter to French collaboration with the Axis.

Use Of Bases

Senator Pepper's proposal followed disclosure that the German agreement with the Vichy regime, as received by the U.S. Government, includes a provision for the use of French naval and air bases in Africa, as well as Europe.

Senator Reynolds urged caution in talks of seizing Dakar by force but suggested that negotiations be opened immediately to buy French possessions in the western hemisphere, including the Caribbean island of Martinique.—International News Service.

SURPRISE MOVE BY SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Soviet Russia, in a surprise move, has closed to diplomats and all other foreigners, certain areas in the Black Sea and Caspian oil fields, the Central Asiatic Republics and the Far East and northern frontiers.

The order, interpreted in diplomatic circles in Moscow as the forerunner of an important Russian move, was circulated among the Moscow Diplomatic Corps by the Soviet Foreign Office.

It also prohibits travel anywhere in the U.S.S.R. except on special permission.

It is announced that notice of the route to be travelled, destination and duration of the journey, must be supplied to the Soviet Foreign Office before such permission can be obtained.—International News Service.

GERMANS RETAKE HEIGHTS ABOVE SOLLUM

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent With Advanced British forces near Sollum)

THE GERMANS HAVE REGAINED SOME OF THE POSITIONS THE BRITISH CAPTURED ON THURSDAY.

They succeeded in re-gathering the force which had been scattered by the daring British thrust and, employing infinitely heavier armed forces, they re-occupied the heights above Sollum.

A famous British regiment still holds positions in the coastal plain near Sollum, however.

The situation on top of the escarpment is not clear but it appears likely the Germans have been unable to recapture all their former positions, and it is said their present position leaves them vulnerable to attack on their right flank.—Reuter.

MAKING RUN FOR IT

Five German ships carrying important cargoes of coal supplies, left Chilean ports on Saturday.

They were the "Rakhots" from Antofagasta, the "Quito" and "Bogota" from Coquimbo, the "Frankfurt" from Valparaiso, and the

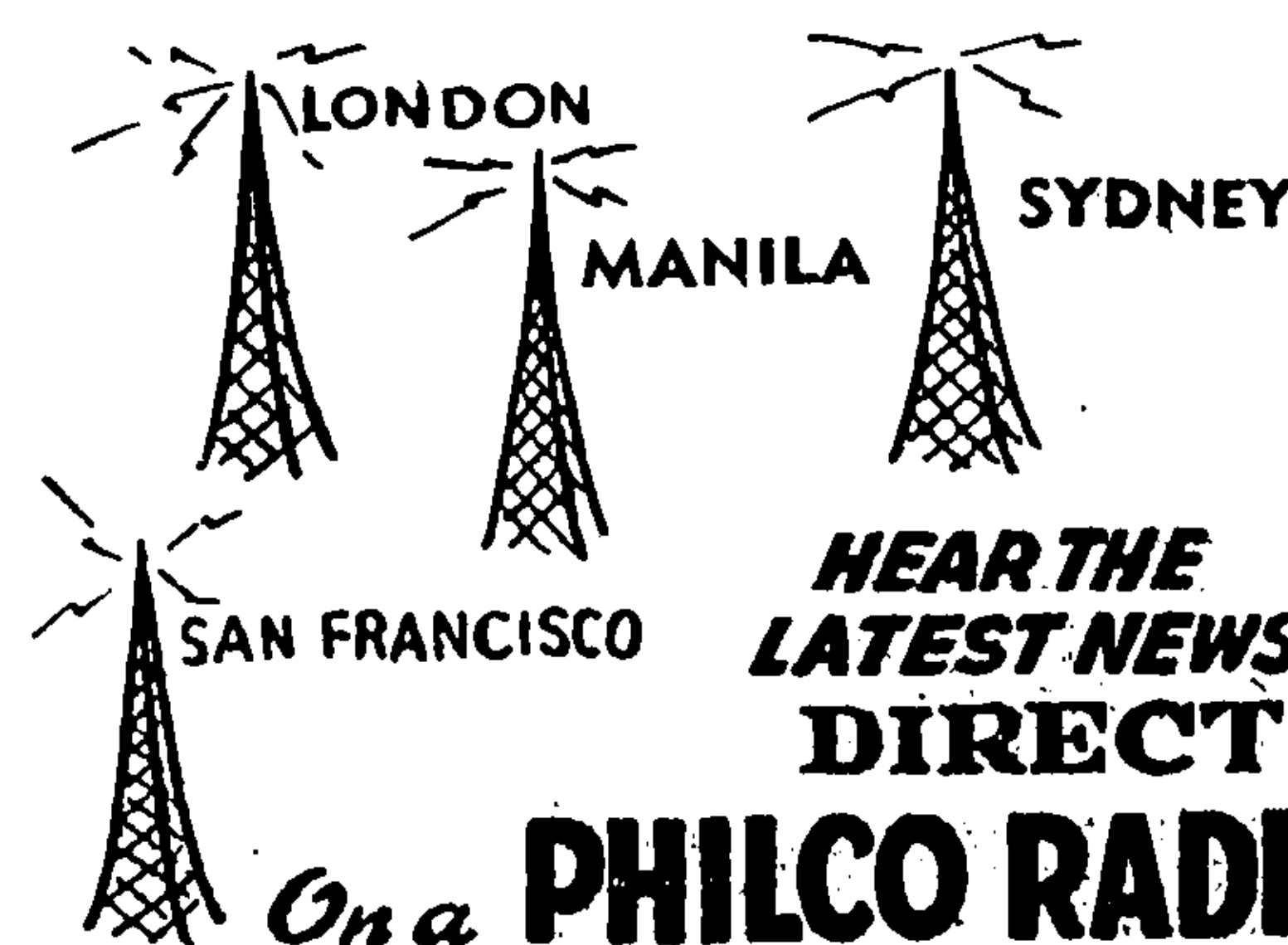
Invasion Of Palestine Reported

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Baghdad radio announcement picked up in London claimed that the Iraqis have invaded Palestine.

Apparently driving through Transjordan and crossing the Jordan River along a route paralleling the Mosul-Haifa pipeline, Iraqi troops were said by Baghdad to have penetrated Palestine as far as Nablus, which is only 25 miles inland from the Mediterranean coast and only 40 miles north of Jerusalem.—International News Service.

"Erlanger" from Puerto Monte. The British armed merchantman "Laguna" left Antofagasta pursuing the "Rakhots".—Reuter.



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Discussing Terms Of Surrender At Amba Alagi

MAIN DEFENCE NOW COMPLETELY SURROUNDED

DESPITE HEAVY MISTS AND CLOUD SURROUNDING THE TOWERING HEIGHTS OF AMBA ALAGI, SOUTH AFRICAN AND PATRIOT FORCES FROM THE SOUTH AND BRITISH TROOPS FROM THE NORTH HAVE SUCCEEDED IN COMPLETELY SURROUNDING THE MAIN ENEMY FORTIFICATION.

Splendid work has been done by the British artillery, as well as the South African and Rhodesian Air Forces and the R.A.F., all of which have played an important part in the success of our land forces.

At 8.15 on Friday morning a representative of a section of Italian junior officers asked to be allowed to discuss terms of surrender. We agreed to talk with him provided he was speaking for the Duke of Aosta.

The order to cease fire was arranged for 6 p.m. and if the terms were not accepted, fire would be recommenced at 9.15 p.m.

It is not yet known in Khar-toum what transpired after the cease fire.

With the fall of Dessie and the imminent fall of Amba Alagi, the one remaining point of Italian resistance will be Gondar, against which our pressure will be increased by the release of troops from elsewhere.

Question Of Time

Should the Duke of Aosta submit to the terms of surrender it would have a demoralising effect on the other Italian commanders still holding out.

In any case it is only a question of a short time before all Italians are rounded up in Abyssinia, leaving only small scattered bands (native levies), Italian colonials and deserters roaming the countryside as bandits.

The Duke of Aosta's move to seek terms of surrender does not necessarily mean that the whole Abyssinian campaign will be ended immediately, according to the view in London, says Reuter's military correspondent.

On Hitler's Orders

While the Duke doubtless sees that further resistance in the Amba Alagi area is useless, no mention is made of the other two centres of Italian resistance—the Gondar district, south-west of Amba Alagi, and the lakes districts, which are about 200 miles south of Addis Ababa.

It is thought probable that following Hitler's instructions to continue resistance as long as possible in forces diverted from their real object—Libya—the Duke will not call off resistance in the Gondar and lakes areas.

67,000 Left

IT IS NOT KNOWN WHAT THE EXACT STRENGTH OF THE ITALIAN FORCES IN ABYSSINIA IS. ABOUT A WEEK AGO IT WAS ESTIMATED THERE WERE ABOUT 33,000 ITALIAN AND 38,000 NATIVE TROOPS BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THEIR DISPOSITION.

If the vast majority have been engaged in the Amba Alagi area it is likely that the surrender of the Italian forces there will result in operations being brought to a close quietly in other districts.—Reuter.

SOVIET PACT WITH IRAQ

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The B.B.C. reported yesterday that Russia and Iraq have signed a diplomatic and commercial pact.—International News Service.

MAN HUNT FOR NAZI WAR PRISONERS

One of the most dramatic man-hunts ever staged in north-west England, in which bloodhounds, police, soldiers and mobile units of the Home Guard participated, ended yesterday with the capture of the last of the five Nazi prisoners who escaped from an internment camp on Friday.

He was a naval wireless officer and the only one of the escaped men who was dressed in civilian clothes.

Pursuers found him near the scene of the arrest of his four companions, about 15 miles from the prison camp. Reuter.

GREEK MINISTERS' EXPERIENCE

A TWIN-MOTORED ITALIAN PLANE MACHINE-GUNNED A 300-TON BOAT ON WHICH THE GREEK MINISTERS, M. COTZIAS (FINANCE) AND M. APOSTOLIDES (JUSTICE) WERE MAKING THEIR WAY FROM TURKEY TO PALESTINE, REPORTS THE JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT OF THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH NEWS AGENCY.

None was injured in the attack, and the two Ministers, who have arrived in Haifa, are continuing their journey to "somewhere in the Middle East."—Reuter.

BOY FATALLY INJURED

Playing on the top of an A.R.P. Pen Shelter in Tai Nam Street, Shamshulpo, with a group of other boys, a 12-year-old Chinese lad, Chan Sin-lan, lost his footing near the edge and fell heavily on his head yesterday. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital, but died at 5.30 a.m. to-day.

NO RAIDS ON BRITAIN LAST EVENING

Up to a late hour last night there were no reports of German aircraft over Britain since dusk, says Reuter.

Role Of Bulgaria

The Bulgarian War Minister, General Daskaloff, has left by air for Berlin, according to an Istanbul despatch to the Independent French news agency.

He will discuss with the Germans the general mobilisation in Bulgaria of all men up to the age of 50, says the report.

The Germans are withdrawing troops from Greece and want to extend the zone occupied by Bulgarian troops.—Reuter.

THE CROAT BARGAIN

MATERIALS IN EXCHANGE FOR COMPULSORY LABOUR SERVICE, WAS THE BARGAIN STRUCK BY BETWEEN PAVLITCH, THE CROAT LEADER AND "FUEHRER," WITH THE NAZI AUTHORITIES, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE INFORMATION REACHING AUTHORITY CROAT CIRCLES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

The despatch of 55,000 labourers to Germany was part of the barter plan, it is asserted. In return, Croatia gets ersatz goods.

It is also stated that capital punishment has been introduced in Croatia for printing or spreading "seditious" leaflets, economic sabotage and strikes.—Reuter.

NEW AIR LETTER SERVICE

A new air letter service from troops in the Middle East to Britain was inaugurated by General Wavell in a message to General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, beginning "My dear Jack" and signed "Yours ever, Archie Wavell."

General Wavell says the service will mean a lot to a great many people and hopes it will be possible to keep it up regularly.—Reuter.



Picture from the Western Desert showing Free French forces, contributing their part for the arms of democracy. A Free French patrol in their British pattern infantry truck. (Copyright, Fox).

AMERICA WILL ENSURE ADEQUATE AID TO BRITAIN

TWO IMPORTANT DECLARATIONS ON AMERICAN POLICY WERE MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, IN A NATIONWIDE BROADCAST LAST NIGHT.

First, Mr. Hull asserted America would find means of ensuring that Britain received adequate supplies. Second, he put forward for the first time principles which the Government felt should rule the world when peace is re-established.

Pointing out that much of United States foreign trade this year was in "tools of self-defence," Mr. Hull declared it would be futile if goods failed to reach those for whom they were intended, when Americans had the task of arming and supplying those whose successful defence is vital for their security.

"I have said before and I say again, we will not permit this purpose to be frustrated. We will find a way to ensure that weapons pouring in in an even greater volume from our factories reach the hands eagerly awaiting them."

Paramount purpose of the Axis powers, Mr. Hull declared, was to secure control of the seas for purposes of world domination.

Halt Demanded

He continued: "Either the spread of lawlessness in the world must be brought to a halt or we shall soon find ourselves surrounded by aggressors and compelled to fight virtually alone and at great odds for our own national existence."

Making the first major pronouncement concerning the principles of peace, Mr. Cordell Hull said these must include:—

FIRST, EXTREME NATIONALISM MUST NOT AGAIN BE PERMITTED TO EXPRESS ITSELF IN EXCESSIVE TRADE RESTRICTIONS.

Second, non-discrimination in international commercial relations must be the rule, so that international trade may grow and prosper.

Third, raw materials supplies must be available to all nations without discrimination.

Commodity Supplies

Fourth, international agreements regulating the supply of commodities must be so handled as to protect fully consuming countries and their peoples.

Fifth, institutions and arrangements of international finance must be so arranged that they aid essential enterprise and continuous development in all countries and permit payment by processes of trade consonant with the welfare of all countries.—Reuter.

D.E.I. WILL FIGHT

THE NETHERLANDS MINISTERS, DR. VAN KLEFFENS AND DR. WELTER, HAVE ARRIVED AT AUCKLAND (N.Z.) FROM SYDNEY EN ROUTE FOR CONVERSATIONS WITH NEW ZEALAND CABINET MINISTERS.

Dr. van Kleffens said that if the Dutch Indies were attacked they would certainly fight and were well prepared to defend themselves.—Reuter.

TO MEET "FORCE WITH FORCE"

General Dentz's Challenge In Broadcast Loyalty To Marshal Petain

"THE ARMY OF THE ORIENT, WHOSE SUPREME COMMANDER IS MARSHAL PETAIN, AND WHICH ENJOYS THE SYMPATHY OF THE WHOLE POPULATION, IS READY TO MEET FORCE WITH FORCE," DECLARED GENERAL HENRI DENTZ, VICHY'S GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN SYRIA, IN AN ANNOUNCEMENT BROADCAST FROM BEIRUT YESTERDAY.

General Dentz said Britain had decided to oppose by force German planes which had landed in Syria.

Marshal Petain had already declared France had no enmity towards England or her Empire.

Yesterday's incident, do not mean the occupation of the country or interference in its affairs.

"They result purely from application of the armistice terms. This is the whole truth.

Meet Force With Force

"France, Syria and Lebanon, which are bound together to-day more than ever in brotherly understanding, will not endanger their just cause by carrying out aggressive activity the result of which would be the sacrifice of innocent people here or elsewhere.

"I have been entrusted with the duty of defending this country and I shall carry out my duty to the best of my ability."

GENERAL DENTZ CONCLUDED WITH A DECLARATION ABOUT MEETING FORCE WITH FORCE. — REUTER.

Attacks On Bases Continue

The British attacks on Syrian aerodromes were continued on Saturday morning, according to an Ankara despatch to the German news agency quoting Beirut reports, says Reuter.

Great Importance

The Duke of Aosta himself and about 7,000 Italian troops are believed to be beleaguered in Amba Alagi, in north-east Abyssinia, some 80 miles south-east of Addis Ababa.

Military circles in London attach great importance to the surrounding of this very strong fortress by the Imperial forces.

Amba Alagi and the surrounding area is regarded as the most important centre of Italian resistance now remaining in Abyssinia, the other two being Gondar, to the westward, and the lakes area south of Addis Ababa.

If the Duke's overtures result in a clearing up of operations in the Amba Alagi sector this will be regarded as definitely a severe blow to all organised Italian resistance in Abyssinia. — British Wireless.

ITALIANS STRAFED

While strafing an Italian landing ground in Libya, a fighter pilot knocked over two out of a formation of five C.R. 42's, and three men who were walking near the aircraft.

The five aircraft were just about to take off when the British pilot swooped down on them. The leader went over on his nose and then turned on his back. The attacker let him have a withering burst of machine-gun fire.

Then, turning his attention to number five of the formation, the R.A.F. pilot saw his victim away to the left and stop with his starboard wing in the ground.

The remainder of the formation did not take off.

"The three men walking away from the aircraft, crumpled up," said the pilot, in his report on the 'strafe'.

"One of them," he said, "was an officer dressed in a close-fitting greatcoat and high peaked cap."

JAPANESE DRIVE IN SHANSI

Ten days of heavy fighting in south Shansi resulted in the Japanese forces surrounding the Chinese on the north bank of the Yellow River in a wide semi-circle, with a 50-mile arc along the river, the ferries of which have been occupied by the Japanese.

In view of the vast extent of the area involved it is unlikely the Japanese can make the whole of the Chinese forces prisoner.

Well-informed sources in Peiping report that numerous Japanese hospital trains are passing north daily via the Kin-Han Railway carrying also hundreds of boxes of the usual ashes of cremated dead.

The Japanese officially admit using "considerable forces" which are reliably estimated at about 120,000, the Chinese forces totalling 180,000. — Reuter.

SAVAGE PENALTIES

THE MOST SAVAGE PENALTIES YET ENFORCED AGAINST FOLLOWERS OF GENERAL DE GAULLE ARE REPORTED IN A MESSAGE FROM VICHY RECEIVED IN BERNE.

The war tribunal at Clermont-Ferrand, it reports, has condemned three non-commissioned officers to death and imposed sentences of imprisonment ranging from life to 10 years on 17 non-commissioned officers and others for alleged participation in the de Gaulle movement. — Reuter.

LOVE UNDER WAAF GUARD

Due to meet her boy-friend on a Saturday night, a W.A.A.F. given seven days' C. B. the previous day was allowed to start the term on the Sunday.

But the officer to whom she made the request sent a corporal along with her as escort.

"What a spill!" says the W.A.A.F. "We took her with us all the evening, then she escorted me home."

"The boy friend, rather, put his foot in it by suggesting that I might have given him some warning and he would have brought a corporal along to make it a foursome!"

The W.A.A.F.'s offence was showing a light in the black-out.

LONDON HITS THE BULL FIRST SHOT

Two days after it was launched, London's huge War Weapons Week—in which 62 boroughs are seeking £100,000,000—is already an assured success.

Although no definite figures were available last night, official indications were that the aim would be surpassed. — Reuter.

RESCUER UP TO CHEST IN WATER

One of the heroes of a recent raid on Southampton was a policeman, who crawled through an opening and waded into a flooded cellar to save trapped people.

He was Police-Constable Sidney V. White, an ex-Life Guardsman, aged twenty-seven.

Seven people, including two children, were sheltering in the cellar under a public-house which had been demolished by a bomb.

The children, Jack Andrew, aged sixteen, son of the licensee, and his sister Maureen aged seven, squeezed through a narrow coal chute, but this was too small for the others to escape and water from a broken main was rising steadily.

A rescue party cleared a passage through the debris blocking the cellar stairs. Through this opening Police-Constable White scrambled into the cellar, with the water up to his chest, and helped the trapped people one by one to safety.

One of the victims, a woman, who was pinned by debris, was drowned. She was Mrs. Thomas Harding.

PEACEFUL SUNDAY

SUNDAY WAS A QUIET DAY AS FAR AS DAYLIGHT AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN WAS CONCERNED.

There was slight enemy air activity around the coasts but no enemy planes flew inland.

According to an Air Ministry communique up to 7.30 there were no reports of any bombs having been dropped. — Reuter.

NAZI GARRISONS REINFORCED

IT WAS RELIABLY REPORTED IN ANKARA, YESTERDAY, (SAYS REUTER) THAT THE GERMANS ARE REINFORCING THE GARRISONS OF THE GREEK ISLANDS OF CHIOS AND MYTILENE.



Members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force indulge in fencing in their spare time, to keep fit. (Copyright, Fox).

HEAVY STRAFING OF ENEMY AIR BASES

CONTINUED STRAFING of enemy bases is reported in yesterday's R.A.F. communique in Cairo which states that on the night of May 16-17 British heavy bombers attacked Benghazi, where considerable damage was done.

A number of fires were caused which continued to burn long after the British aircraft had left the target, while Derna and Gazala were also raided.

At Derna, explosions, one of which was particularly violent, took place among buildings south of the harbour. Fires were caused on the aerodrome at Gazala, which was bombed and machine-gunned.

British fighters maintained constant patrols and shot down two Messerschmidts near Solum and successfully machine-gunned a large motor transport supply column on the Tobruk-Bardia road and the Capuzzo track, completely stopping road traffic.

More than 20 vehicles were completely destroyed by fire and many others damaged, and a petrol dump was blown up.

Suez Raid

Enemy aircraft raided the Suez Canal area on Saturday night but no damage or casualties resulted to Service property or personnel.

Two enemy aircraft were destroyed by A.A. fire and another was shot down by our fighters. Aerodromes in Greece occupied by the Germans were heavily attacked during the night of May 16/17.

British bombers caused a number of fires at Argos and also at Menidi, where violent explosions occurred at the north end of the aerodrome.

20 Junkers Hit

Four aircraft on the ground

were destroyed at Maloi where direct incendiary bombs fell among dispersed aircraft causing considerable damage.

These bombing attacks were followed at dawn by attacks by British fighters, which machine-gunned the aerodromes at Hassani, Argos and Maloi.

At Hassani, 20 Junkers, 52's were seen to be hit and a number of Messerschmidts and Heinkels were also attacked.

At Argos, similar attacks were carried out against enemy aircraft on the aerodrome. Two of them were set on fire and others damaged.

Crete Battle

Enemy aircraft at Maloi made excellent targets for our aircraft and many hits were observed.

When enemy aircraft attempted a machine-gun attack on one of our aerodromes in Crete, fighters intercepted them and destroyed three Messerschmidts and damaged others.

Anti-aircraft fire brought down four enemy aircraft and damaged others. — Reuter.

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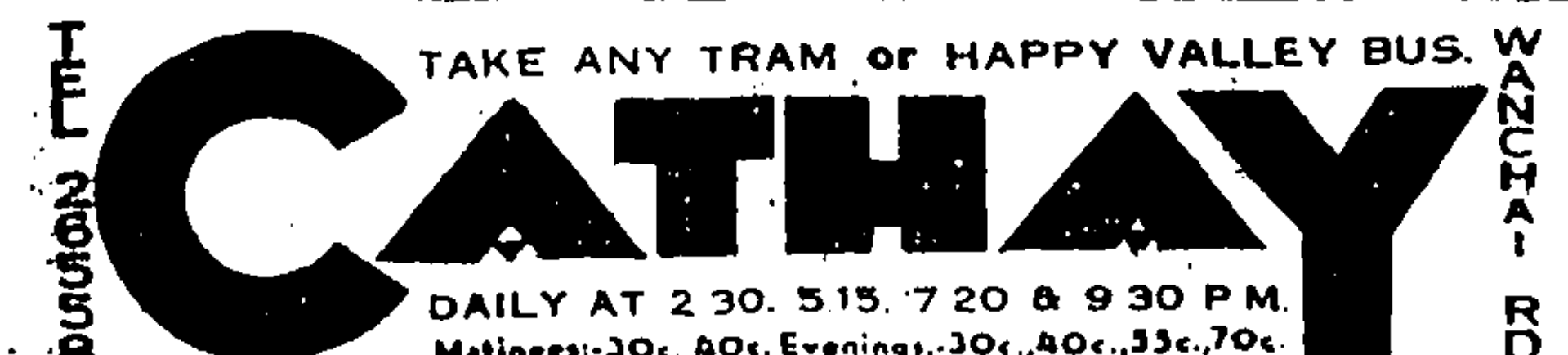


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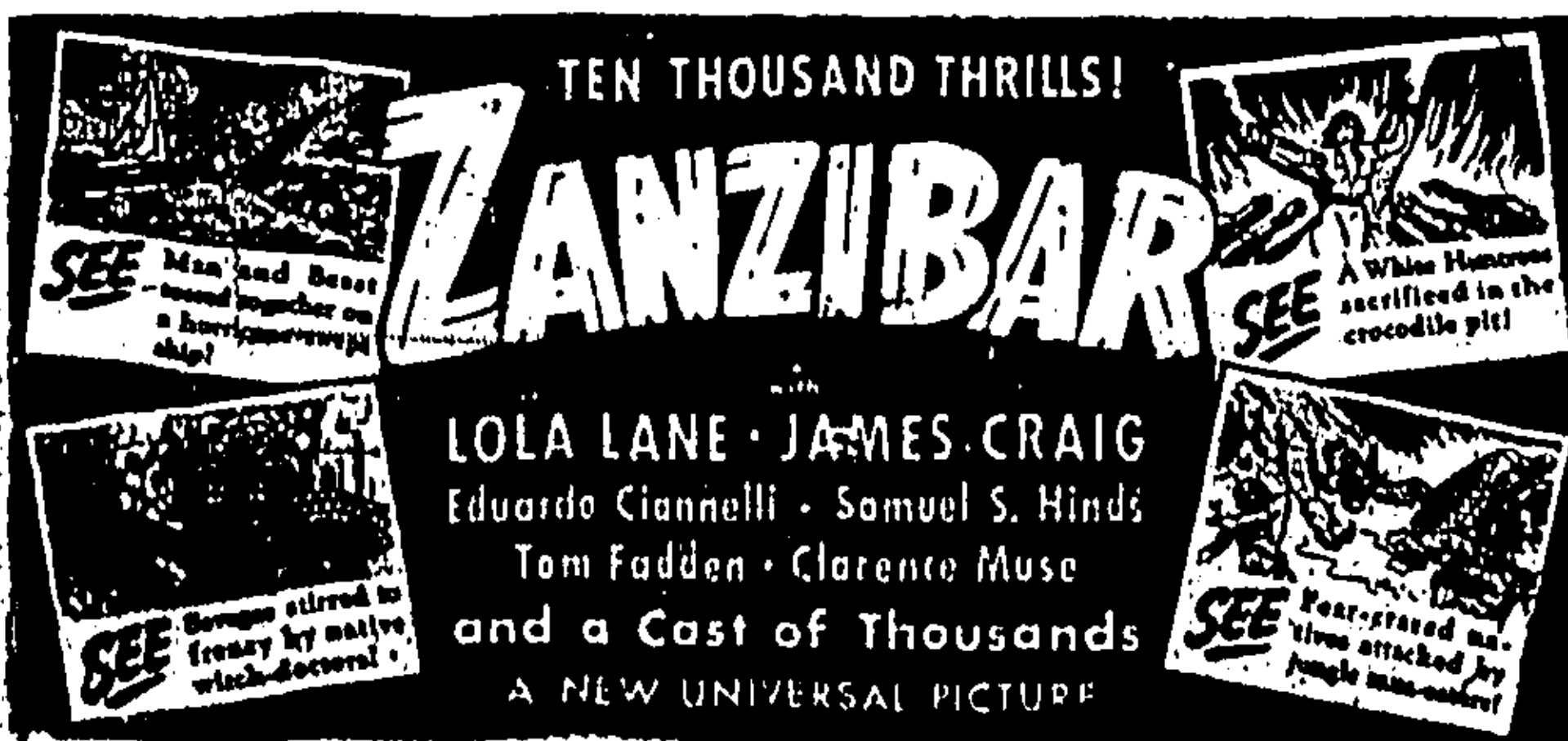
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England's Most Popular Best Seller, the Air Ministry's Account of the great days between August 8th and October 31st, 1940, has been secured by the "China Mail" for publication in serial form. It tells the story of one of the greatest battles in history, the more dramatic as it was fought high in the clouds over the Southern coast of England. Here is the first instalment of

THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

The Official Account

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The Scene Is Set

On Tuesday 20th August 1940, at 3.52 p.m. the Prime Minister gave the House of Commons one of those periodic reviews on the progress of the war with which members in particular and the country in general have grown familiar. The occasion was grave. On the 8th August the Germans, after a period of activity against our shipping which had lasted for somewhat longer than a month, had launched upon this island the first of a series of mass air attacks in daylight. For some ten days and notably on the 15th and the 18th, men and women in the streets of English towns and villages and in the countryside, had seen, high up against the background of the summer sky, the shift and play of aircraft engaged in that fierce and prolonged combat which has come to be known as "The Battle of Britain."

The House was crowded. Its mood was one of anxious enthusiasm, but enthusiasm waxed and anxiety waned as the Prime Minister proceeded to describe the swiftly changing movements of the battle, the opening stages of which some members had themselves witnessed.

After referring to the work and achievements of the Royal Navy, Mr. Winston Churchill turned to the war in the air. "The gratitude of every home in our island," he said, "in our Empire and, indeed, throughout the world, except in the abodes of the guilty, goes out to British airmen who, undaunted by odds, unwearied in their constant challenge and mortal danger, are turning the tide of the world war by their prowess and by their devotion. Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

The Prime Minister was speaking at the moment when the battle was still at its height, for it was not until the end of October that the German Luftwaffe virtually abandoned its attacks by day light and began to rely entirely on the policy of night raiding—its tacit admission of defeat.

First Great Battle In History

It is now possible to tell in great part the story of the action on which such high praise had been bestowed. Before doing so, however, it is worth while to recall the extraordinary nature of the battle. Nothing like it has ever been fought before in the history of mankind. It is true that aircraft frequently met in combat in the last war; but they did so in numbers very small when compared with those which were engaged above the fields of Kent and Sussex, the rolling country of Hampshire and Dorset, the flat lands of Essex and the sprawling mass of London. Moreover, from 1914 to 1918 fights took place either between individual aircraft or between small formations and an engagement in which more than a hundred aircraft on both sides were involved was rare, even in the later stages of the war. The issue was, in fact, decided not in the air, in which element the rival air forces played an important but secondary part, but by slow moving infantry in the heavy mud of Flanders and the Somme. It may be that the same thing, or something like it, will ultimately happen in the present war. Up to the moment, however, the first decisive encounter between Great Britain and Germany has taken place in the air and was fought three, four, five and, sometimes, more than six miles above the surface of the earth by some hundreds of aircraft, flying at speeds often in excess of 300 miles per hour. While this great battle was being fought day by day, men and women in this country went about

their business with very little idea of what was happening high up above their heads in the fields of the air. This battle was not shrouded in the majestic and terrible smoke of a land bombardment, with its roar of guns, its flash of shells, its fountains of erupting earth. There was no sound nor fury—only the pattern of white vapour trails, leisurely changing form and shape, traced by a number of tiny specks, scintillating like diamonds in the splendid sunlight. From very far away there broke out from time to time a chatter against the duller sound of engines. Yet, had that chatter not broken out, that remote sound would have changed, first to a roar and then to a fierce shriek punctuated by the crash of heavy bombs as bomber after bomber unloaded its cargo. In a few days the southern towns of England, the capital of the Empire itself, would have suffered the fate of Warsaw or Rotterdam.

The contest may indeed be likened to a duel with rapiers fought by masters of the art of fence. In such an encounter thrusts and parries are so swift as to be often hard to perceive and the spectator realises that the fight is over only when the loser drops, his point or falls defeated to the ground.

These Were The Weapons Used

Before we can understand the general strategy and tactics followed by both sides, something must be said of the weapons used. The Germans sought a decision by sending over five main types of bombers—Ju.87, Dive-bomber Ju.88, various types of Heinkel 111, Dornier 215, and Dornier 17. Ju.87 (Type B) was a two-seater Dive-bomber. It was an all-metal, low wing, cantilever monoplane armed with two fixed machine-guns, one in each wing and a movable machine-gun in the aft cockpit. When looked at from straight ahead, the wings had the shape of a very flat W. Its maximum speed in level flight was a trifle over 240 miles per hour. Ju.88 was also a Dive-bomber with a maximum speed of 317 miles per hour. Its crew and armament were similar to those of the Heinkel 111. The Heinkel 111 (mark V) was a low wing, all-metal, cantilever monoplane with two engines. It carried a crew of four and was armed with three movable machine-guns, one in the nose, one on the top of the fuselage and one in the streamlined "Blister" underneath. Its maximum speed was nearly 275 miles per hour. The Dornier 215 was a high wing, cantilever monoplane of all-metal construction with three movable machine-guns similarly placed to those of Heinkel 111K. Its maximum speed was about 312 miles per hour. It was a development of the Dornier 17, familiarly known as the "Flying Pencil." This aircraft was a mid wing cantilever monoplane. It was armed with two fixed forward-firing machine-guns in the fuselage, one movable gun in the floor and one on shielded mounting above the wings. Its maximum speed was about 310 miles per hour.

Variations and increases in armament were constantly made in all these aircraft which carried bombs intended to secure victory. These bombers were protected by fighters of which the Germans used two main types, Me.109 and Me.110. Me.109 in the form then used was a single seater fighter. It was a low-wing, all-metal, cantilever monoplane armed with cannon firing through the airscrew hub, four machine-guns and two more in troughs on the top of the engine cowling. Its maximum speed was a little more than 350 miles per hour. Its pilot was later protected by back-and-front armour of which the size and shape became standardised during the course of the battle. Me.110 was a two-seater fighter powered with two engines. It was an all-metal, low wing, cantilever monoplane with two fixed cannons and four fixed machine-guns to fire forward from the nose. It was much larger than Me.109 but had not got the same capacity of manoeuvre. Its maximum speed did not exceed 365 miles per hour. In this aircraft the crew were protected by back armour only. The Germans also used a few Heinkel 113s. This was a low wing, all-metal, cantilever monoplane with single engine. A cannon fired through the airscrew hub and there were two large-bore machine-guns in the wings. The maximum speed was about 380 miles per hour.

To combat this formidable array of fighters and bombers, which Goering had boasted were "definitely superior" to any British aircraft, the Royal Air Force used Spitfire, Hurricane and, occasionally, Boulton Paul Defiant.

The Spitfire Mark I was a single seater fighter with a Rolls Royce Merlin engine. It was a low wing, all-metal, cantilever monoplane armed with eight Browning machine-guns, four in each wing, set to fire forward outside the airscrew disc. The maximum speed was 366 miles per hour. The Hawker Hurricane (Mark I) was also a single-seater fighter similarly engined and armed. Its maximum speed was 335 miles per hour. In both these aircraft the pilot was protected by front-and-back armour. The Boulton Paul Defiant was a two-seater fighter with a Rolls Royce engine. It was an all-metal, low-wing, cantilever monoplane and armed with four Browning machine-guns mounted in a power-operated turret.

British Fighter Force On Guard

With such machines as these, the Royal Air Force and Luftwaffe, faced each other on 8th August when the battle began.

Before describing it, something must first be said on our methods of defence, although it is not easy to do this without giving away "State Secrets."

The governing principle is that sufficient strength of fighters must assemble at the required height above a given place where it can intercept the oncoming enemy raid and break it up before it can reach its objective.

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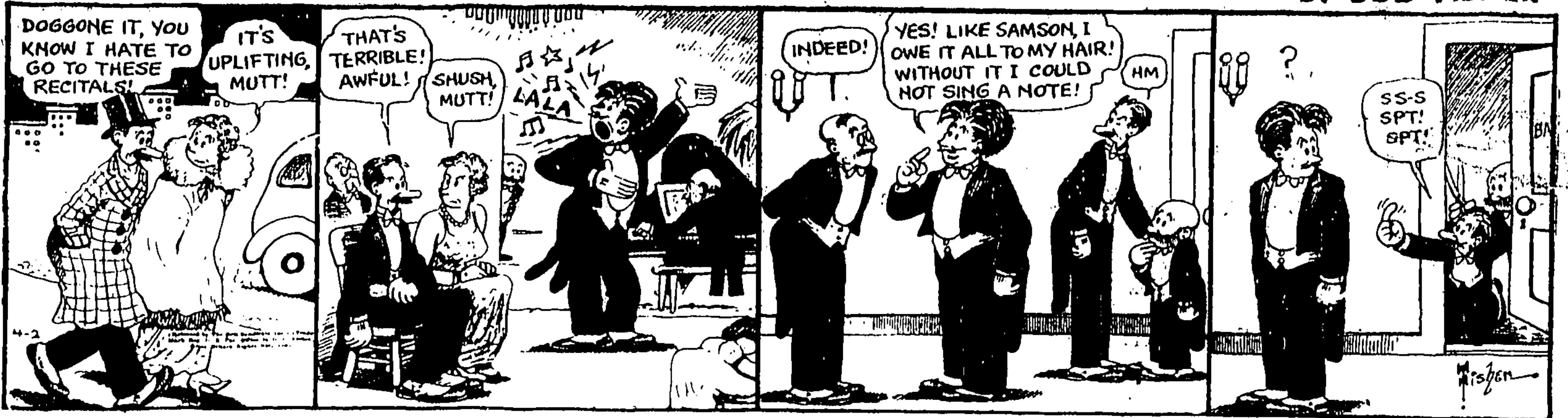


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MUTT AND JEFF

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The Battle Of Britain

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There is general agreement that the principle of employing standing patrols is impracticable owing to its wastefulness. To keep a sufficient strength of fighters always in the air to guard our shores from any attack would be beyond the powers of the biggest Air Force imaginable. The fighter forces, therefore, are kept on the ground in the interests of economy of effort and only ordered off the ground when raids appear to be imminent.

Information regarding the approach of the enemy is obtained by a variety of methods and co-ordinated and passed to "Operations Rooms."

The coastline of Great Britain is divided into sectors, each with its own fighter aerodromes and headquarters. These sectors are grouped together under conveniently situated Group Headquarters which, in their turn, come under the general control of Headquarters Fighter Command. Information on enemy raids is illustrated by various symbols on a large map table in Group and Sector Operations Rooms, the aim being to give each "Controller" the same picture of the progress of raids in his particular area. In addition to this, Controllers have all possible information set out before them such as location and "state" of their own squadrons, the weather and cloud conditions all above their area. They are also in touch with Anti-Aircraft defences and Balloon Barrages.

The squadrons are maintained at their sector aerodromes at various "states of preparedness." The most relaxed state is "released" which means the squadron is not required to operate until a specified hour and that the personnel can be employed on routine maintenance, flying training and instruction, organised games and that, in some cases, they may leave the station. Next comes "Available" which means the squadrons must prepare to be in the air within so many minutes of receiving the order. "Readiness" reduces this to a minimum and is the most advanced state normally used. Occasionally "Stand By" is employed which means that pilots are seated in their aircraft, with engines "off" but all pointing into wind, ready to start up and take off the moment the Leader gets his orders from the Controller.

In good weather conditions and when there is reason to anticipate an attack squadrons are perforce kept at a high state of "preparedness" which is relaxed as much as possible when the weather deteriorates. The broad principles are usually to keep one part of the Force at "Readiness," a second part at "Advanced Available" and a third at "Normal Available." When an attack develops "Readiness" Squadrons are ordered off in appropriate formations and "Available" Squadrons are ordered to "Readiness" and used as reserve to meet a second or third attack or protect

aerodromes or vulnerable points, such as aircraft factories.

These orders are issued by the Controller whose function it is to study the Operations Room Map and put a suitable number of aircraft into the air at selected points to intercept the oncoming raiders or to cover vulnerable points. His duty also is to keep constant watch on his resources so as to run no risk of being caught by a third or fourth wave of raiders with all his squadrons on the ground "landed and refuelling." It must be remembered that the endurance of modern fighter aircraft if it is to have ample margin for full throttle work, climbing and fighting is limited. Allowance must also be made for the journey back to the parent stations, especially if visibility is bad.

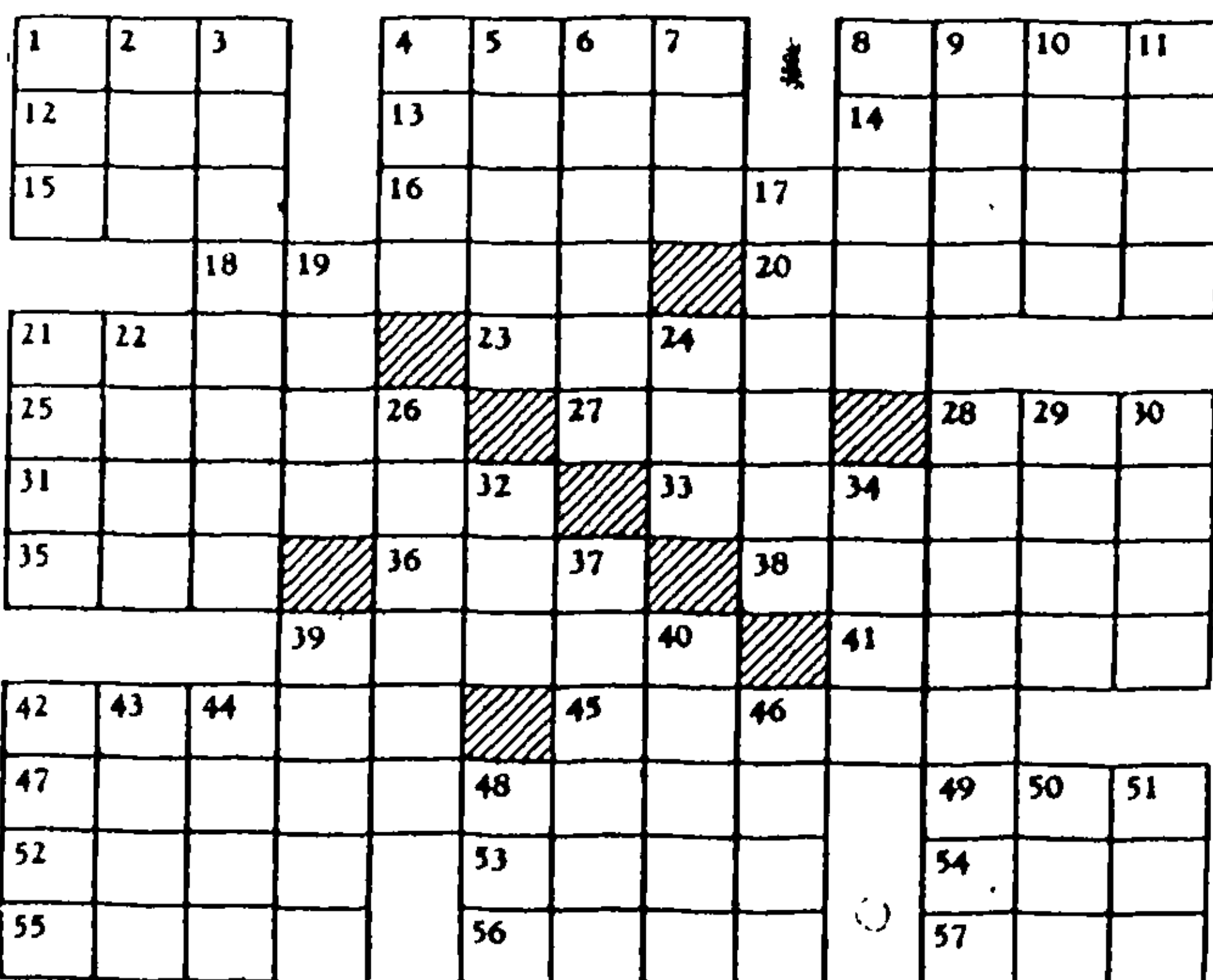
With the tracks of the enemy raid and of his own fighters both before his eyes, the Controller's task of making an interception is in theory a comparatively simple mathematical problem. He is in constant touch with his fighters by radio telephone, and is able to give them orders to change course from time to time so as to put them in the best position for attack.

Once the fighters report that they have "sighted enemy" the Controller's task is over, except that he may have to give them a course to bring them back to their aerodromes when the battle is over. "Enemy sighted" signal the "Tallyho" is at once transmitted to Group Headquarters and recorded on the Squadron state indicator. A red-letter day for any group was the 27th September, when, in number eleven Group, 21 Squadrons out of 21 ordered up were able to report "Enemy Sighted." But the successful interception of raids is not always so easy. In practice exercises before the war 30 per cent interception was thought satisfactory and 50 per cent very good. When the test came, however, the percentages rose to 75, 90 and, sometimes, 100. This consistently high rate of interception made it possible for our superiority in pilots and aircraft to achieve its full effect.

The task of the Controller in setting the stage for battles is governed by one factor—accurate and timely information of raids. In clear weather, with little or no cloud, the raiders came over at such a high altitude that they were almost invisible, even with the use of binoculars. The number of aircraft employed made a confusion of noise in the high atmosphere and thus increased the difficulty of detecting raids by sound. In cloudy weather this difficulty was increased, for the Observer Corps had there to rely entirely on sound. In view of these difficulties, that Corps and other sources of information deserve very great credit for the remarkably clear and timely picture of the situation which they presented to the Controllers. These then were the set pieces on the wide chessboard of English skies and made opening moves in a contest on the outcome of which the safety of all free peoples depended. Flexibility was their motto. Each day the Controllers held a conference at which every idea or device for thinking and acting

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OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



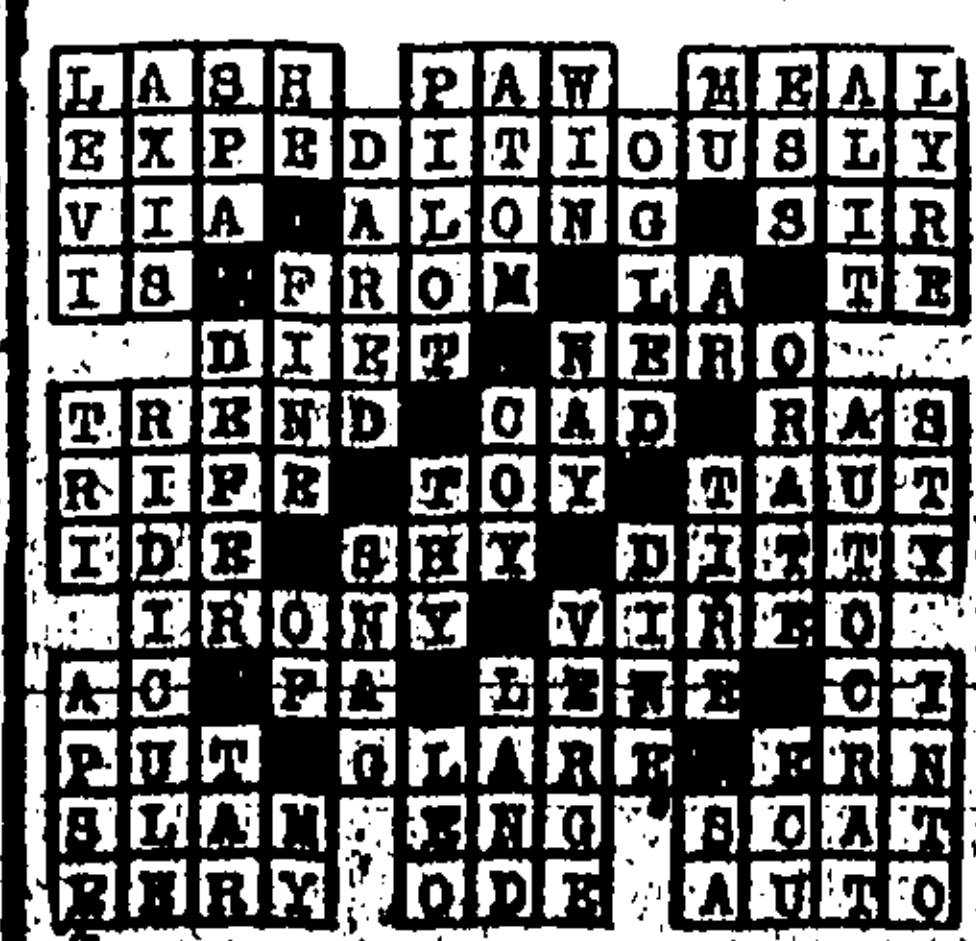
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Pen-point
- 4 Stride
- 8 Forbidden
- 12 Anger
- 13 Ox of
- 14 Part of the eye
- 15 Regulation
- 16 To bring about
- 18 The Mohammedan religion
- 20 Leases
- 21 Genus of sunfish
- 23 Large gland
- 25 Strangely
- 27 Is able to
- 28 Preposition
- 31 Colloquial: to vacillate
- 33 Reaping implement
- 35 To be mistaken
- 36 Illumined
- 38 Hue
- 39 Loud, brazen sound
- 41 Daybreak
- 42 Old Portuguese coin
- 45 Moslem deity

VERTICAL

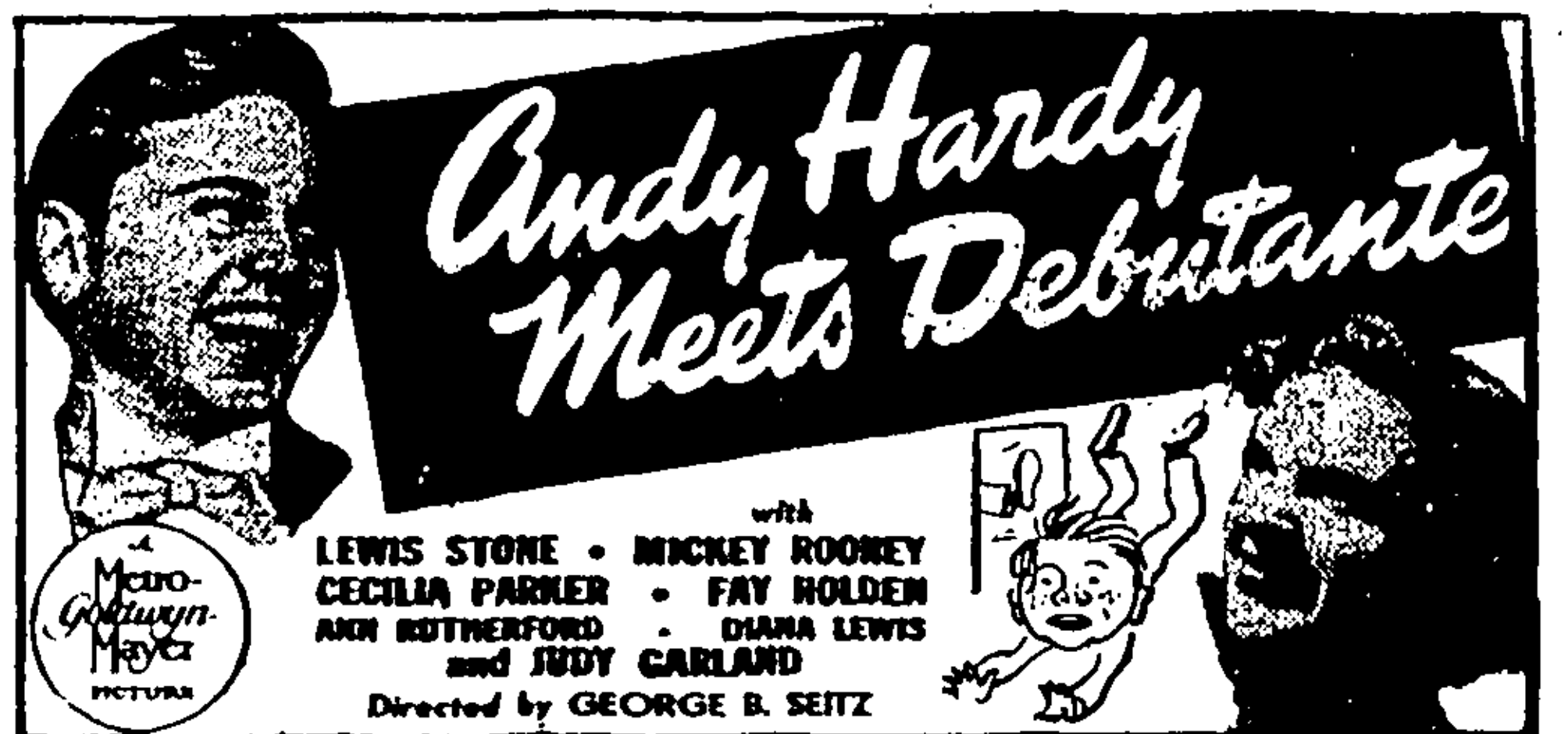
- 1 Nothing
- 2 Period of time
- 3 To confuse
- 4 Bucket
- 5 Year's record
- 6 Vast
- 7 To consume
- 8 Carnivorous mammal

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION



- 9 Isles off
- 10 Elre
- 11 Vertical timber on a ship's deck
- 12 Employes
- 13 Peaceful
- 14 Sodium chloride
- 15 Speck
- 16 River in Germany
- 17 Duct
- 18 Xanthic
- 19 "Sooner" state
- 20 To run
- 21 Flowerless plant
- 22 Ballet
- 23 Finale of a fugue
- 24 Characteristic
- 25 Ties
- 26 Feminine name
- 27 Modern prayer leader
- 28 Glacial snow
- 29 Raised platform
- 30 Smooth
- 31 Scotch: to have
- 32 Manner
- 33 To stare at

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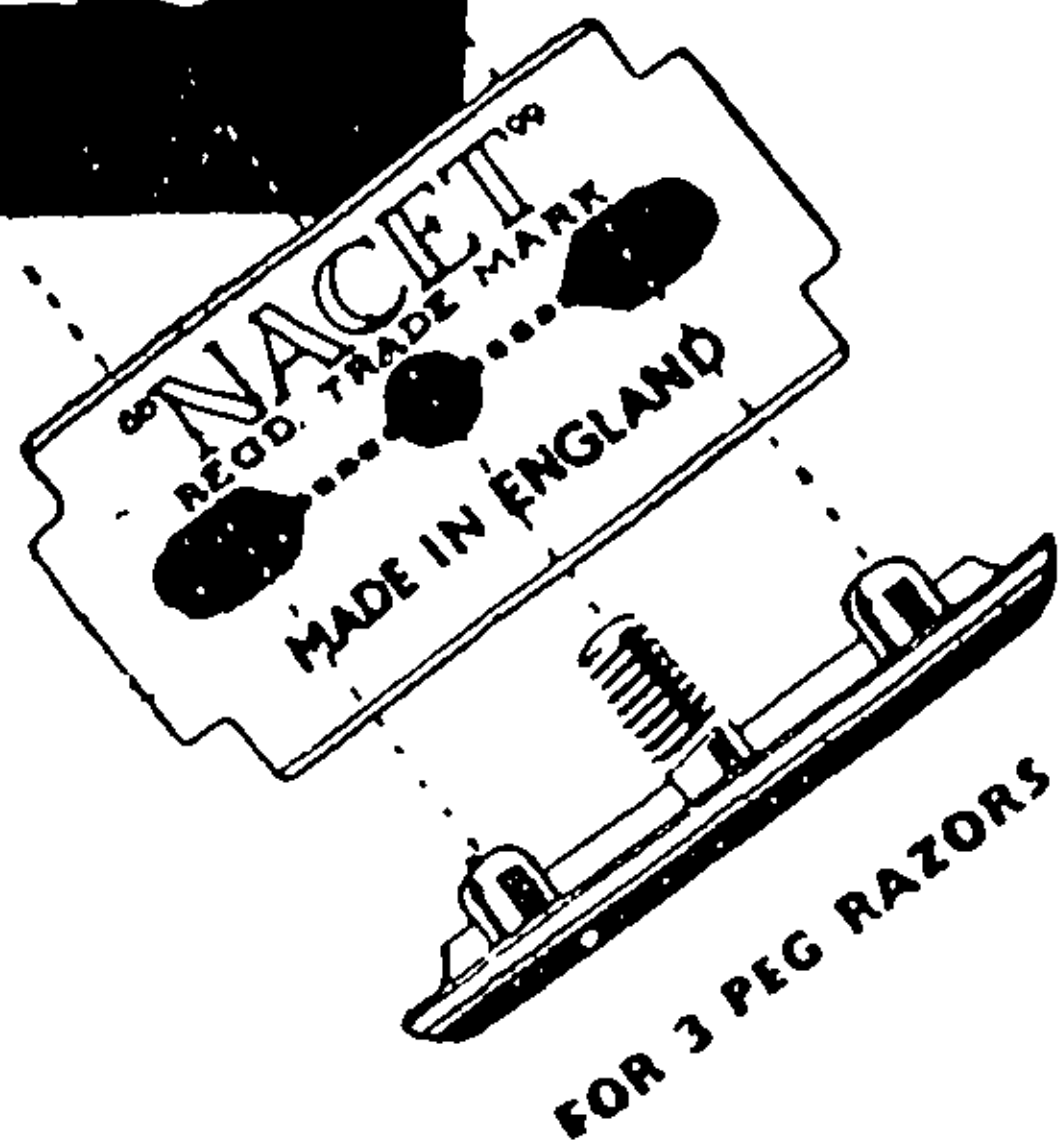
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NEI GOVERNOR IS A VIRTUAL WAR DICTATOR

WAR IN THE WEST AND THREATS OF WAR IN THE FAR EAST HAVE CREATED WHAT AMOUNTS TO A NEW "DEMOCRATIC DICTATORSHIP" TO-DAY.

The dictator is a blue-eyed, blue-blooded Frisian, governor-general of Netherlands India, the glittering Dutch empire in the south seas. Until newspapers have more than eight columns, however, his name will never fit into any headlines. It is Jonkheer Alidius Warmoldus Lambertus Tjarda van Starkenborgh Stachouwer.

In a move almost as unprecedented as the third term, his governorship has been indefinitely extended. He was scheduled to relinquish the seals of authority next September, having served the appointed five years. But the occupation of Holland and the dangerous situation in the Pacific to-day have induced the queen's government to keep him here.

Only once since the five-year term was decreed has a governor general remained beyond that period. That was during the world war. No man ever serves a second term. In fact, rigid convention stipulates that a former governor general shall not even reside in the Indies as a private citizen.

Dislike Dictatorships

The reason lies in the fact that, for all practical purposes, the governor general is invested with almost absolute power. Even in normal times he is nearly a dictator. So the Dutch, who have a healthy dislike for dictators, have made it impossible, through written and unwritten law, for any man to hold the reins very long. Ever since the invasion, however, the power of the governor general has tended to expand.

He can't wait to-day to consult the cabinet and ultimately the queen, if Japanese battleships appear off Sumatra. The law permits him to declare a "state of emergency." Practical fact will give him the power to declare a state of war.

The present governor general has the power, but none of the personal hallmarks of a dictator.

He is 52, trim, handsome, clean-cut, and he looks 42. He speaks unaccented English, with the crisp incisive manner that suggests the typical American business executive.

Thorough Aristocrat

The House of Tjarda van Starkenborgh Stachouwer traces back to the 15th century. Its scion in the Indies is an aristocrat to his fingertips. His life has conformed in all details to the rigidly correct pattern of Dutch nobility. He studied law, entered the diplomatic service, served with distinction in half a dozen capitals (among them, Washington), became governor of his native province, and president of the university from which he was graduated, married well. His wife is an American from Baltimore.

Mainly because he is no crowd-pleaser, no dynamo of personal magnetism, a sharp cleavage exists in public opinion about him. Violent arguments rage between Dutchmen who believe that, in these days of crisis, the governor general should be a flag-waver, and those who believe he should merely be efficient.

A typical complaint: "At the time of the invasion, we wanted to have parades and bands and a speech from him. It would have made everybody feel better. But he wouldn't do it."

It is impossible to picture him in that role, standing on the white marble steps of the Koningsplein Palace, engaging in theatrics and receiving huzzas from the adoring crowd. He does not appeal to popular imagination, but he commands complete respect and confidence in the Indies.

In manner he is reserved, austere, correct, coldly intellectual. He has no intimate friends. All his contacts are reined in, held to the official relationship. He lives in the chill north-light of official duty. And therefore, according to Hollanders, he suffers in popularity by comparison with some of his predecessors, earthy meerschaum-puffing butchers, who were

sometimes seen wandering the palace grounds in pyjamas, sometimes received official callers, coatless, snapped their galluses as they talked.

Not this occupant of the palace.

Wife From Baltimore

At the stroke of six in the morning, he is dressing, usually in lightweight grey suits. He seldom wears whites, virtually a uniform in the tropics. At 7 o'clock the first of three large boxes, containing telegrams and official documents, is placed before him. He spends an hour poring over the contents before breakfast at 8. At 2 o'clock, he gets the second. At 6 o'clock, after the afternoon siesta, the third. He is a precision instrument of regularity and protocol. Those three boxes form an endless treadmill. If, just once, he slips a cog, he may have to work all night to catch up. He has no lieutenant governors, to whom he might delegate part of this burden.

Mainly from necessity, he permits himself few pleasures, only a measure of relaxation. He doesn't drink or smoke. Tennis and badminton, with his family, are for exercise. There is no entertainment reading in his library. The closest approach to a hobby is discussing obscure points in diplomatic history. Sometimes, at official dinners, he disengages himself from the guests, corners an expert in the subject, and opens argument.

He receives 60,000 guilders a year in salary and 70,000 in emoluments for palace expenses (\$70,200) which, as is usual in the top brackets of all diplomatic service, falls below his expenses.

Rectitude marks all his actions. He thought it improper to grant an interview to an American newspaperwoman, said: "She should see my wife."

His wife is the former Christine Marburg, of Baltimore, daughter of a one-time U.S. ambassador to Belgium. They were married in 1925 and have two daughters, Frances and Tine. — Associated Press.

120,000 TROOPS IN MALAYA

TRAVELLERS FROM SINGAPORE ARRIVING IN SINGAPORE ESTIMATED THE TOTAL ARMED FORCE OF MALAYA A REACHED 120,000 TROOPS. REINFORCEMENTS ARE ARRIVING DAILY FROM INDIA AND AUSTRALIA, THEY SAID.

The travellers also reported the first contingent of 10,000 British troops have landed on Sarawak, Borneo, placing British Tommies within 100 miles of the Philippines.

(Two American made flying boats, flown from San Francisco to Manila by American pilots, have been delivered to British authorities, presumably those at Manila now. Other American ships, have been sent to Singapore by steamer.)—Associated Press.

SCHOOL FEES UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The S.M.C. Education Board has raised school fees in all Municipal schools in Shanghai from September 1.—International News Service.

BLIND PEOPLE GO SIGHTSEEING BY 'PLANE

A "sightseeing" tour in a 'plane flight over Salt Lake City, Utah, was carried out for twenty blind residents.

Before they took off, the party was allowed to spend an hour going all over the 'plane, feeling the different parts. Each of the gadgets was described to them.

As they passed over the city the views were described to the blind passengers. They said the flights had been a "thrill." Only one passenger complained. He wanted a few more bumps "just for realism."

CONCHIES TELL OF 'ASSAULTS'

Non-combatant conscientious objectors gave evidence at a Liverpool court-martial alleging ill-treatment by non-commissioned officers attached to the Pioneer Corps.

Two of the objectors, both Peace Pledge Union members, are now back in civil life.

One of these men, ex-Private W. F. Jordan, denied that his evidence was a tissue of lies.

Lieutenant E. W. Fargher (defending): You were trying to make trouble and to get decent soldiers who are now defending you into trouble by complaining to Parliament. A man who will go by any back-door methods to get another into trouble is a man who ought not to be believed.

Private J. F. London said that he and others were ill-treated by N.C.O.s

He saw Private A. Forster with a badly bleeding nose and Private W. F. Jordan with black eyes.

"Black Eyes"

Private A. Campling said that he was kept running round for half an hour until he was exhausted. His head was ducked in water and a sergeant smacked his face to bring him round.

Lieutenant E. W. Fargher (defending): I put it to you that these complaints you are making are imagination and nothing else? — Private Campling: They are the truth.

They are an invention for a court of inquiry and to cause trouble in Parliament?—I have told the truth.

Major H. M. E. Flateau, one of the commanding officers, was asked if the conscientious objectors took a great deal more liberty with him than they would in ordinary barracks.

He replied: "I am afraid so." The hearing was adjourned.

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SHIPS TO WIN THE WAR

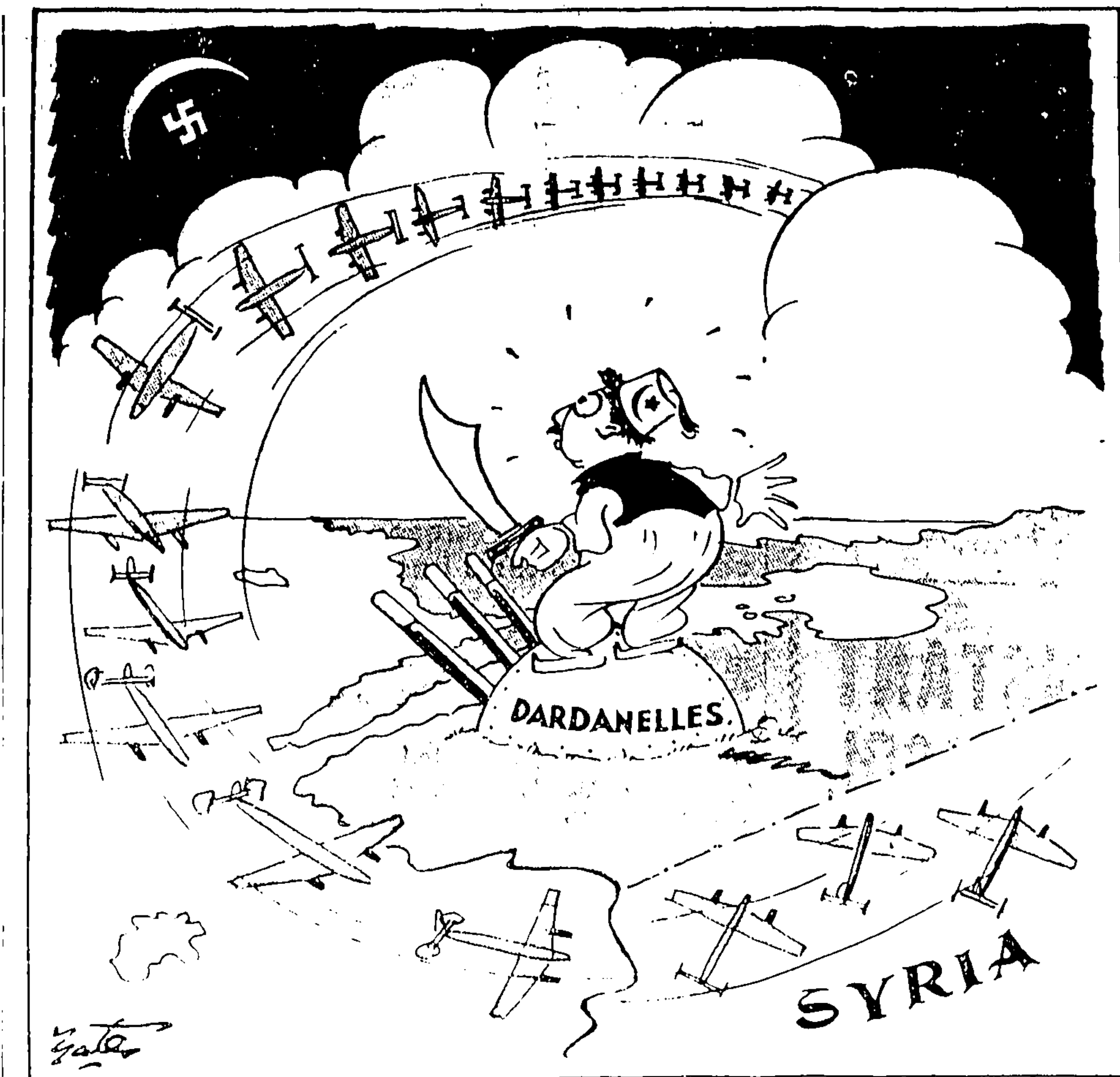
President Roosevelt's order to the Maritime Commission to assemble a pool of 2,000,000 tons of existing shipping to speed the flow of vital war materials to Britain recognises that the most critical battle of the war is the battle of the Atlantic.

The programme, as the President said, falls into two parts. One is the transfer of ships to British registry for use in the combat zone. The other the reallocation of ships in such a way as to obtain maximum efficiency from their use. Presumably the transfer of ships for use in the Atlantic service will make use of the foreign vessels now in American ports, including the sixty-nine Danish, Italian and German ships recently seized, as well as French and other ships that have taken refuge. The balance of the 2,000,000 tons is to be obtained by withdrawing vessels from intercoastal routes, using Army and Navy auxiliary vessels, commissioning what remains of the laid-up fleets of United States merchant ships and, possibly, diverting some Great Lakes carriers to the coastal and intercoastal trade.

Plainly the programme is not merely intended to provide more tonnage but to obtain the maximum of effective use of the tonnage that is available. To achieve this it must go beyond strictly maritime limits.

The highest efficiency in the use of available shipping requires that the flow of war materials by land from their points of origin to the docks must be co-ordinated with the movement of ships. Supplies must move quickly and smoothly to the harbours so as to avoid delays in the loading and congestion at shipping points. They should be routed to those harbours which make possible the shortest ocean passage, even if this means longer and more expensive movement by rail. No ship should be allowed to sail without a full cargo; no ship should be kept waiting for its cargo to be assembled; no ship should be permitted to waste time in going to distant ports if its cargo can be brought alongside in ports closer to the ultimate destination.

The principal weakness of America's entire defence effort to date has



"WHAT THE STARS FORETELL"

Awakening At Last

By Joseph Alsop And Robert Kintner
in the N.Y. "Herald Tribune."

The beginnings of an atmosphere change as important as that which led to the lease-lend law are now clearly perceptible in Washington. In the period between the lease-lend law's enactment and the Balkan tragedy, even the boldest members of the Administration tended to regard American aid for Britain with considerable complacency. Enough was being done, was the attitude; and when more was required, more would be done. Now, however, this complacency has vanished like mist on a hot morning.

It has been dispelled by a deeply significant new note in reports from Britain in recent weeks—a note of doubt of Britain's power to resist indefinitely without far more substantial help than is now being given.

The note has been struck by a half dozen returning observers, both official and unofficial, but all extremely competent. One school, best represented by the brilliant president of Harvard, James Bryant Conant, does not question the resilience of British

morale, but argues that Britain's brute strength will soon be exhausted if no greater help comes. President Conant's mission of exchanging scientific information with the British gave him wide and easy access in London. He is understood to have told members of the Administration here that this country had only a few months, probably until the end of summer at the outside—to decide whether to "put up or shut up."

Hopes Pinned

A second school, centred in the War Department, affirms the magnificence of the British people's courage, but points out that the well-spring of courage is hope, and that Britain's hopes have been pinned on the United States for many months. If these hopes are disappointed, the second school says, the worst can easily happen. The British leaders may refuse to sustain a suicidal war. The British war effort may falter from internal weakness. However it happens, the end will be a negotiated peace, leaving Germany the strongest nation in the world, with Britain exhausted and subservient, and the United States standing alone.

This is not defeatism of the Lindbergh sort. Not one of the men whose reports have caused such disquiet here questions for an instant that the war can be won if Britain and the United States will stand together as fighting partners. Nor is it a call for a large American expeditionary force. It is simply a hard-headed assessment of the pressing need for bold and decisive American action to meet such problems as that of the Atlantic, that of North Africa, and that of the Far East.

Situation Critical

The Mediterranean-North African situation is the best case in point. At present, the state of affairs is critical. After the Balkan disaster, Turkey has turned soggy, and may give German forces the right of transit to attack the oil fields of Iraq. The Russians, whose pressure Turkey can hardly resist, have just signed a pact with Japan at Germany's direction. A chunk of Persia was always to be one of their rewards for adherence to the Axis, and the Russo-Persian border is now reported closed. Iraq itself, although British troops have landed, is still in the hands of a pro-German government.

In Egypt, the British Mediterranean base, the British are fighting a campaign against a numerically superior German-Italian force. In French North Africa, Weygand's position has already been seriously undermined. German agents are in virtually full control of Casa Blanca. In Spain, Gen. Franco is resisting German demands against odds. And in France there are signs that the Vichy regime may be preparing for a final surrender.

This is painting the picture purposely as dark as it can be made. Actually, our military experts give the British better than an even chance to meet the danger in the Mediterranean. But the point is that the Mediterranean may go. American policy must be calculated on that possibility. The possibility means, in turn, that Germans may obtain supplies, including oil, for a very long war. And the effect of such a prospect on British strength and British morale can easily be understood.

Tipping The Scale

Pitifully little active assistance from this country would have restored the balance in the Mediterranean, preventing all but the comparatively meaningless Balkan tragedy, which would be far from effects on the will to resist in other countries. Pitifully little active assistance would restore the balance now. It is the same most of the major war situations. In each case the margin is slight between successful resistance and defeat. But in each case, because this country will not cover the margin, defeat comes in the end.

In Britain, the men responsible for their country's present plight have merely been put into a sort of Coventry. The worst that Sir John Simon, Sir Horace Wilson and their sort have had to face is a few veiled or open insults when they appear in public. But those American leaders who are now doing all in their power to prevent the crucial margin from being covered had best remember that the temper of our people is not so easy, polite and forgiving as that of the British. They had best ask themselves, "When we stand, isolated and at bay, in a world whose masters are our enemies, shall I be held to blame? And if I am, how shall I save my skin?"

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GOEBBELS AT LAST SETTLES ON ONE STORY FOR RUDY HESS

A FULL REPORT of all statements made by Rudolf Hess since his landing by parachute in Scotland has been sent to the Prime Minister.

The examination of Hess has been carried out in German and a translation has been prepared. Contents of the report are being kept a close secret.

Everything recorded is being carefully examined and minutely checked by Intelligence officers to test the value and reliability of Hess's statements.

While the German radio, for the home audience, still keeps silence, Goebbels appears at last to have decided on the version of the affair that he is going to hand out for foreign consumption.

This version, which contradicts Goebbels' previous accounts, is given in a talk by Dr. Gerhard Dohm to Portugal.

Contradicting the original official communique on Hess, he said: "Hess is not a man of confused ideas. He was not a victim of hallucination."

"He was a fanatical idealist who believed he could persuade England to make peace and prevent a break up of the British Empire and elimination of the English nation."

Dohm further denied that Hitler had appointed Hess his successor in his speech of September 1, 1939.

"Now Closed"

For this and other reasons it is clear why the German radio dare not give this account of the matter to their home listeners.

Next point in Dohm's talk is that the incident is now closed. "One cannot speak," he said, "of any shock among the German people. This is proved by the fact that the affair is no longer discussed."

That, in fact, the German authorities know the matter is by no means closed is shown by their attempts to discount in advance Hess's statement.

Hess's Knowledge

Thus a German commentator, speaking to South America, said: "We can expect sensational statements which the English radio will attribute to Hess. But you should all remember his status as a prisoner of war and that his declarations cannot be tested."

In fact, as head of an organisation with agents everywhere, Hess knew more than anyone else of the condition of the Nazi party, and as Hitler's confidant he was bound to be well acquainted with Germany's plans.—British Wireless.

HUGE FIRE STARTED IN COLOGNE

The weather was not altogether favourable either on Saturday night or the previous night for the bombing of industrial districts of Cologne carried out by strong R.A.F. forces.

Reports by crews which operated on Saturday night, however, show how concentrated and violent was the attack. All crews are enthusiastic about the results. They had scarcely begun to bomb before large fires sprang up to meet the constant rain of bombs which continued to fall.

There was one particularly large fire in which many buildings were ablaze.

As our aircraft continued to come in to drop their loads the crews saw the fire extend its limits.—British Wireless.

TWO R.N. TRAWLERS SUNK

The Admiralty announces that H.M. trawler *Susarion* and H.M. drifter *Uberty* have been sunk, says a British Wireless message.

AIR LOSSES SCORE

AXIS AIRCRAFT LOSSES IN THE WEEK ENDING AT DUSK ON SATURDAY TOTALLED 111, AGAINST 38 R.A.F.

Over Britain and round the British coasts the Germans lost 88 and the R.A.F. three. Over Germany and German-occupied territory the Germans lost eight and the R.A.F. 21.

In the Middle-East Axis losses were 13 in the air and 22 on the ground while the R.A.F. lost 14.

The Navy meanwhile announced that 16 enemy aircraft were destroyed by H.M. ships in the Mediterranean between May 6 and 12, one was destroyed by an H.M. ship on May 14 and one now confirmed on May 4.—British Wireless.

SO ROME SAYS

ITALY HAS LOST A TOTAL OF 212,641 MEN, INCLUDING DEAD, WOUNDED AND MISSING, SINCE HER ENTRY INTO THE WAR, THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGES.

Of this total, 20,251 were dead; 50,413 wounded and 141,977 missing.

April casualties, including the Balkan and African campaigns and some previously unreported losses, totalled 5,884 killed and 17,986 wounded, a recent announcement said.—Associated Press.

TRAGEDY OF PANIC

The shrill whistle of an approaching train panicked a 59-year-old Chinese woman, Chan Fong, who was picking up bits of wood on the No. 7 Railway Bridge yesterday.

As a result, the woman apparently not looking in which direction she was fleeing, ran over the edge of the bridge. She died in the Kowloon Hospital a few hours afterwards.

AID TO BRITAIN BY THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES

THE CONTRIBUTION made to the war effort by a quarter million adult foreign refugees in Britain was described by the Bishop of Chichester in a broadcast yesterday.

These men and women, the Bishop said, fled to Britain because they could not tolerate life under the Nazi regime and because they wanted to help England as the only country left in Europe that could lead them back to freedom.

"There are scores of ways in which the help of these German and Austrian refugees is being given. About 2,000 are serving as soldiers in the Pioneer Corps."

"Women are being welcomed as members of the A.F.S. and under Government training schemes men and women are going into factories and are engaged in national training to help the war effort."

"Over a thousand are employed in agricultural work where they are doing so well that farmers are calling out more and more of this refugee labour."

Flame Of Culture

"There are also doctors, dentists, nurses and clergy all helping. In addition we have some 250 picked scholars using their brains for the promotion of learning in Britain. There is besides a body of artists, musicians and writers helping to keep the flame of culture alive."

The Bishop added he would like to see refugee writers and political workers systematically used to encourage opposition in Germany itself, to show the German people the falseness of Hitler, and to recall them to their true spiritual leaders.—British Wireless.

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ADDRESSING THE annual meeting of the American Council on Education on the subject of the war and the British universities, James B. Conant, President of Harvard University, said: "It would seem to me the time for final action by this country is close at hand." His audience was composed of representatives of practically all of the major national and regional associations in the country.

Dr. Conant, recently returned from England, was applauded when he expressed his conviction that "the English people will not make peace with Hitler" and again when he said: "I do not believe the American people will sit idly by with Hitler controlling the Atlantic Ocean and undermining our freedom in this hemisphere. It seems to be clear that in all likelihood the longer we delay in sending full aid against the Axis powers, the longer will be war, and the greater will be the ultimate misery for all mankind."

Dr. George F. Zook in his annual report recalled to the audience that the American Council has in its constitution the declaration, "The council was organized to meet national needs in time of war and will always render patriotic service."

Conservation Of Values Urged

He set forth the fundamental relations of education to the national government in a series of statements declaring that adequate consideration must be given to the conservation of educational values, resources and personnel; emergency programmes should not interfere unduly with the regular work of the schools, states of mind leading to war hysteria should be discouraged and the language or literature of no country should be eliminated from the curriculum, and the responsibility for administrative control of the agencies should continue in the hands of the educational officers of the schools and the institution of higher learning.

Dr. Conant in describing the British precautions for preventing the wastage of skilled men said he wondered if the United States would do as well. He described the British programme under which the scientists of the country are mobilised for national service. Physicists, engineers, chemists and doctors are at work where they are most needed, he said. If men of these professions had been allowed to volunteer at the start, or had been drafted, the shortage to-day would be "serious indeed. One wonders whether we in the United States will be far-sighted enough to profit by the example."

British Plan Described

The British Government, he continued, developed the idea of "reserve occupation" before the war. The first schedule listed a thousand or more categories of employment which were regarded as essential to the defence of the country. These included a dozen or so categories involving university-trained men. To each category was assigned an age limit. Men above this age were "reserved"; that is, these men were only permitted to volunteer for restricted classifications of war services.

Some categories had no age limit; for example, all doctors were reserved; physicists were reserved above the age of 25; university and secondary school teachers above the same age, and chemists above 21. The result was an over-reservation in many occupations. Frequent modifications of the schedule since then have been made.

In many occupations the age limit is being raised, he said, since experience now shows that, on balance, the needs of the fighting services are more important for the national effort than the particular occupations in question. For example, the age for teachers and university professors is being raised from the original of 25 to 35. On the other hand, the age limit on physicists who have proved of the utmost importance to "war work" has been lowered from 25 to 21.

Declaring that he had in no way altered his opinion that

the U.S. should take all steps necessary to insure the defeat of the Axis powers, Dr. Conant said that since his return "I have been amazed to hear it argued by intelligent citizens of the United States that a negotiated peace between Great Britain and the Axis powers is a possibility."

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By The Four Aces

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South, Dealer

East-West vulnerable

♠ 10 9 8 4 3

♥ A J 7 6 5

♦ 6

♣ 4 2

♠ 7 8 3

♥ 10

♦ A K 10 4

♣ K 9 8 6 5

♠ A J 5

♥ 9 4

♦ J 9 8 6

♣ A J 7 3

♠ K Q

♥ K Q 8 3 3

♦ Q 7 3 2

♣ Q 10

The bidding:

South West North East

1♥ Pass 4♥ Pass

Pass Pass

We led the King of diamonds,

and South dropped his diamond

seven without the slightest

hesitation. Thereupon West went

into a slight huddle.

The shift to spades

might give South a

free finesse, or

perhaps spare him

a guess. To shift

to clubs might re-

sult in the loss of

a trick. The

singleton trump

would produce a

horrible result if

East had three trumps to the

Queen.

All shift, therefore, were

dangerous, or so West thought.

Then West thought of that large-

looking five of diamonds which

his partner had played on the

first trick. Where were the three

and two of diamonds? If East

had either of those cards, the

diamond five had been the begin-

ning of a "come-on" signal —

asking for a diamond continuation.

So West finally led a small diamond

at the second trick, deceived

by South's false-card of the

seven of diamonds. South naturally

discarded a club from the

dummy and then easily made his

contract. If West had shifted to

any other suit, the defence could

have taken four tricks without

any trouble.

Saturday you were Howard

Schenken's partner, and with

neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 7 3

♥ A K 4

♦ K 9 5 2

♣ A K 6

The bidding:

Jacoby You Major Schenken

Pass 10 Pass 1♠

Pass 2NT Pass 3♠

Pass 4♠ Pass 5♠

Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid six spades. You

are strong enough to accept this

Slam invitation since you have

full value for your bidding, in-

cluding two Aces. Partner can-

not have enough for a Grand

Slam, so there is little point in

bidding one of your Aces.

Score 100% for six spades,

80% for six clubs or six hearts,

60% for five no-trump, 20% for

pass.

Question No. 719

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's

partner and, with neither side

vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q J 10 8 4 3

♥ J 10 8

♦ A 4

♣ 7 5

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby Major You

Pass 10 Pass 1♠

Pass 2NT Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer

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AXIS WORRIED BY U.S.

German leaders are increasingly discussing the possibility the United States might plunge into the war.

Nazis expressed belief that "war agitators" are gaining ground in the United States.

Some newspapers viewed the situation seriously. Some revived the suggestion that the continent of Europe must be welded together to oppose the Anglo-Saxon world, indicating that France was considered part of this scheme of unity.

The press vigorously denounced American interventionists.

Fascist newspapers played up reports that the United States' entrance into the war was only a matter of weeks, or possibly days.

"Il Popolo d'Italia," one of the most influential papers in the country, speculated whether President Roosevelt would leave the decision to enter the war to Congress, or whether he "would prefer to cause an armed conflict with a broadside from one of his naval patrols."

The authoritative editor of the new paper, Virginio Gayda, said in an editorial that the war's extension could be seen by the American attitude. He said British "optimism" was intended to mislead the Americans and drag them towards war. Associated Press.

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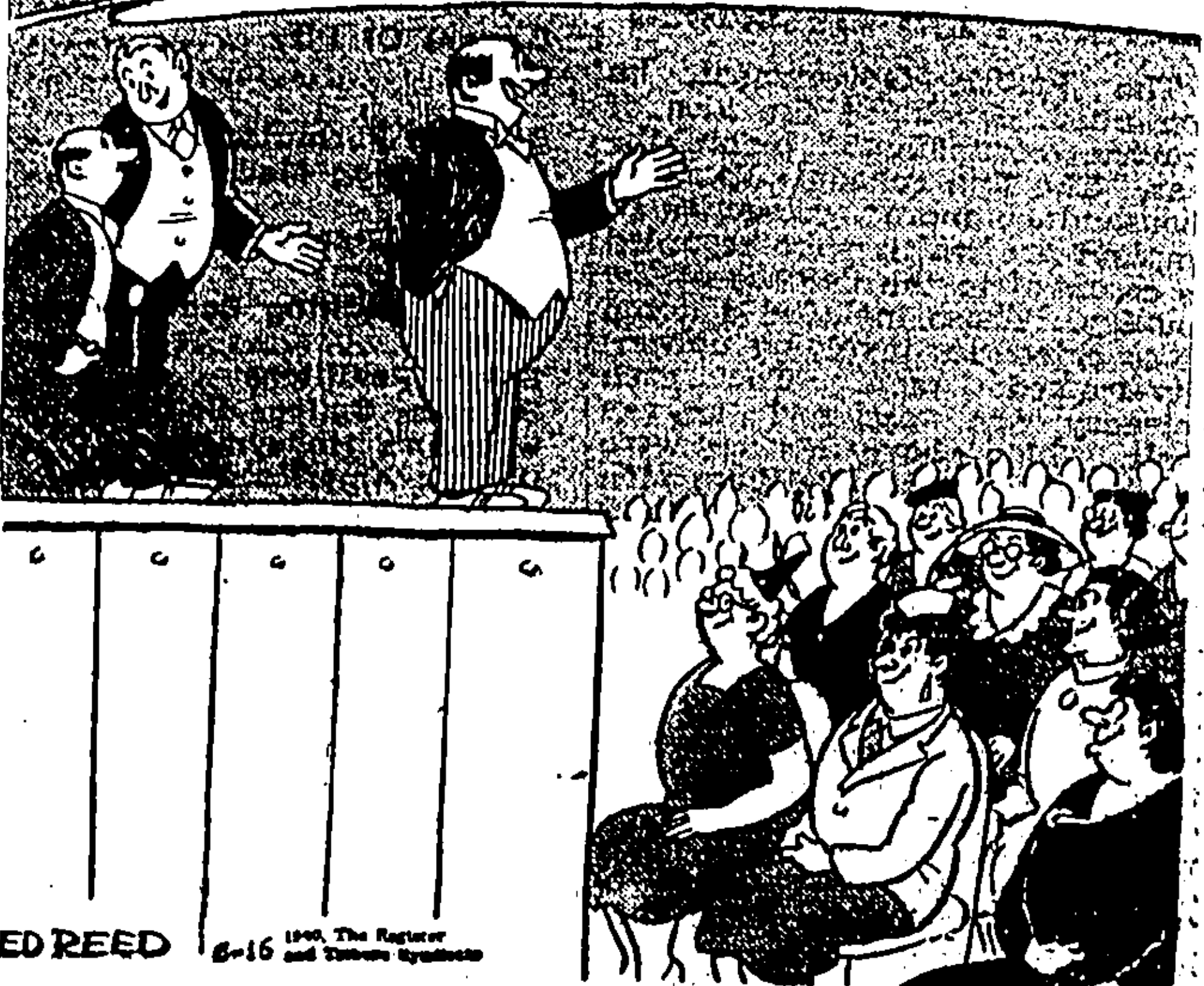
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By ED REED

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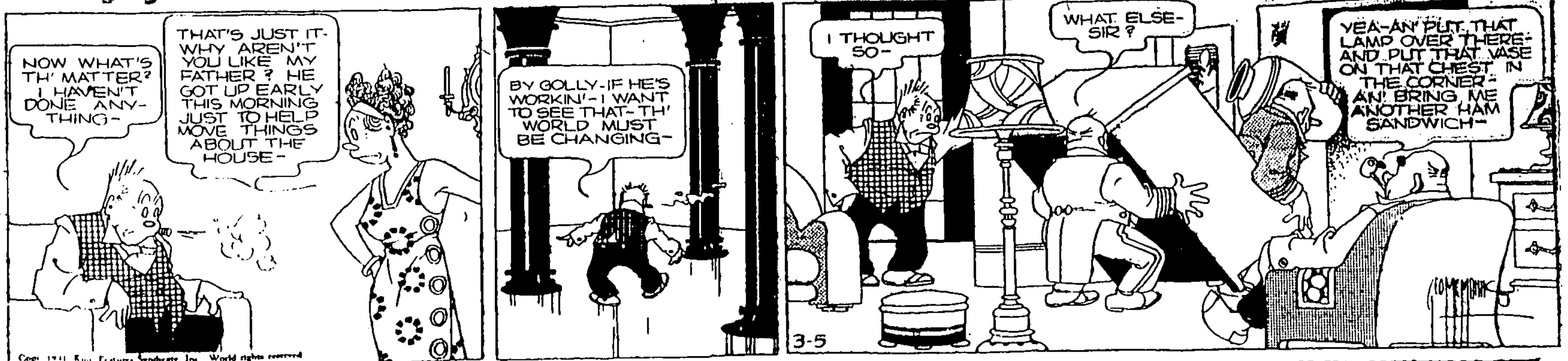


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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Hot and Cold Foot Dunkings

If flowered hats and navy blue do not convince us that spring has arrived again then our feet will do the job. For feet in spring seem to want to burst from their shoe bindings to walk on the soft, fresh green turf. Foot aches and burnings are so common during this season that today's column will be devoted entirely to suggestions for foot care.

First of all it is a good idea to get your spring and summer shoes a width wider or a half size larger than your winter shoes. That allows a bit for normal foot expansion.

Never wear new hose with new shoes without first rinsing the hose of their dressing. The friction caused by new leather insoles and the dressing in the hose can create a very uncomfortable burn. Also be certain that your hose are long enough—short hose restrict the action of the toes and cause a cramping. Synthetic hose seem to



To banish foot pain try alternating hot and cold dunkings as circulation pepper-uppers, and massage after with a good cream lotion. This handy waistline bottle doesn't slip, even though your hands are wet.

Gumbo Casserole with PINEAPPLE TOP

by Dorothy Greig

MY jolly feather-pillow of an Aunt Annie was never so chuckling content as when passing on to us young ones her cooking lore. "To make a fine dish you do need good ingredients," she'd say. "But it's what you do with them that really counts."



This Gumbo Casserole always reminds me of that particular bit of Aunt Annie's philosophy. Its chief ingredients are chicken meat, a drift of hot snowy rice, tender pink ham, cut in small pieces. And we treat them handsomely... first, by blending in condensed chicken soup which spreads lovely chicken flavor through and through the dish. Then we finish with a topping of glazed pineapple and serve the casserole gently sizzling and fragrant right from the oven!

1 can condensed chicken gumbo soup
2 cups cooked rice
1/2 cup chicken, diced
1/2 cup ham, diced
2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
Cut the chicken and ham in 3/16 inch dices. Combine the cooked rice, diced chicken, diced ham and chopped pimiento. Then add the chicken gumbo soup. Mix together and put into a buttered casserole—either one large one or five in. individual casseroles. Serves 5.
Pineapple Ring Toppings
5 slices pineapple
15 whole cloves
5 teaspoons brown sugar
5 teaspoons butter
Arrange the pineapple rings on the top of the rice mixture. On each pineapple ring:
1. sprinkle 1 teaspoon brown sugar
2. dot with 1 teaspoon butter
3. put in 3 whole cloves
Place the casseroles in a moderate (375° F.) oven for 15-25 minutes until thoroughly heated and pineapple rings are glazed.

be more binding than the silk hose and many women are discovering that they require a size larger when they purchase synthetic weaves.

I take it for granted that all my steady readers give their feet a thorough pedicure once a week. That keeps toenails the proper length and shape and prevents any ingrown nail or hangnail, or callous from causing misery.

Even the hardest and oldest of callous can be erased by a steady application of liquid cuticle remover, after a foot soaking, and a gentle rubbing with pumice stone or the softest of emery boards. Do not attempt ever to cut away a callous at one time—remove it gradually.

If you do suffer with callouses it would pay you to investigate various shoe lasts. Properly fitting shoes which give your feet adequate support should not permit a callus to form unless you have acquired poor walking habits and turn on your feet instead of landing on them squarely. If that is the case exercise daily in your bare feet around a room until you train your feet to walk correctly.

A Relieving Treatment

When your feet rebel against shoe restrictions, or are fatigued from much use, try this relieving treatment. Fill one basin with hot water in which is dumped one cup of epsom salts. In another basin have cold water. Soak your feet first in the hot bath, then chill them in the cold water. Thus alternate dunkings until every pain and ache has been drawn out. If you are very rushed you may apply a stimulating foot lotion

directly after these dunkings, but it is better for you to first brush your feet vigorously with soap and hot water—not forgetting the soles. Such a brushing is most invigorating and our feet get too few of them.

I am convinced that every woman should have on hand a bottle of specially mixed foot lotion. Such a lotion contains healing and soothing ingredients which the normal run of hand or face creams cannot boast.



A confirmed optimist is he who thinks there'll come a time when he can take life easy.

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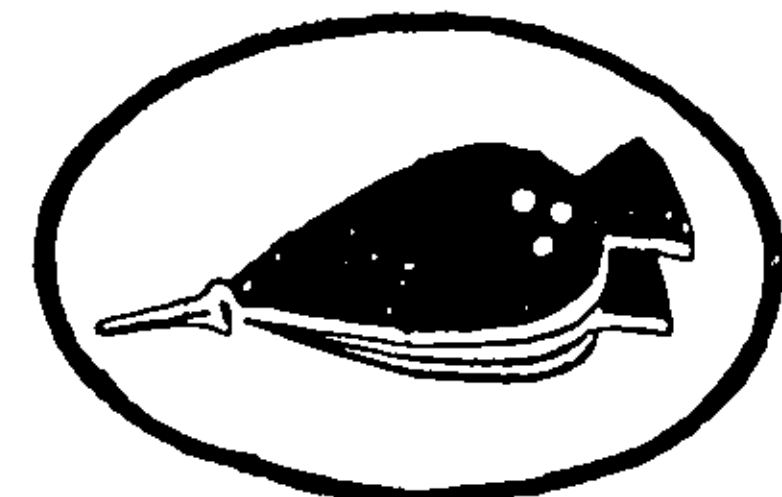


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Robin Comes Bob, Bob, Bobbin'

Along.

Then There Eyes.

Fox-Trot—Mourning Blues.

Fox-Trots—Smookey Mary.

Cherry.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Variety with Dinah Shore.

Bob Dyer and Dick Powell.

Vocal—My Kingdom for a Kiss.

Two Hearts Divided (both from

film "Hearts Divided").

Dick Powell with Orchestra.

Piano—Fools Rush In (Mercer,

Bloom).

Where the Blue Begins (from "Top

of the World").

Billy Mayerl (Piano).

Humorous—The Death of Willie.

The Martins and the Cows.

Bob Dyer ("The Last of the Hill

Billies") with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—When I Dream of You, I

Dream of Old Hawaii.

Charles Kama and his Moana

Hawaiians.

Vocal—Imagination (Burke and van

Heusen).

Say It (film "Buck Benny Rides

Again").

Dinah Shore with Orchestra

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and

Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Brahms—Quartet in A Min-

or, Op. 51, No. 2.

1st Mov. Allegro non troppo.

2nd Mov. Andante moderato.

3rd Mov. Quasi menuetto, moder-

ato—Allegretto vivace.

Finale. Allegro non assai.

Lenor String Quartet

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quota-

tions.

6.32 p.m.—Beethoven—"Pathetique"

Sonata in C Minor, Op. 13.

1st Mov. Grave—Allegro molto o

con brio.

2nd Mov. Adagio cantabile.

3rd Mov. Rondo Allegro.

Wilhelm Kempff (Piano).

6.51 p.m.—Two Songs by Alexander

Kipnis (Bass).

Verratt, Op. 105, No. 5 (Leincke—

Brahms).

Ah die Nachtigall, Op. 45, No. 4

(Holly—Brahms).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of

the Hour."

7.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Pro-

gramme with Essie Ackland (Con-

tralto).

The Gypsy Baron—Selection (Joh.

Strauss).

George Boulanger and his Orch.

My Creed (Lockton—Carne).

Break, Fairest Dawn (Handel, arr.

Ochs).

Essie Ackland (Contralto) with

Orch.

Dream Serenade (Boulanger, arr

Satow).

When I Am Happy—Waltz (Boulan-

ger).

George Boulanger and his Orch.

Whatever Is, Is Best (Lohr.).

Essie Ackland (Contralto) with

Organ.

Furiant ("Schwanda"—Weinberger)

Polka ("Schwanda"—Weinberger).

State Opera Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

ouncements.

8.05 p.m.—This week's programmes.

8.05 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

The Last Letter—Waltz (Reggoy).

Twinkling Lights—Waltz Melodies

(Zeller).

In Dreamy Night—Waltz (Ziehrer).

Orchestra Mascotte.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News

and News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Eddie Peabody (Banjo) and

Len Green (Piano).

Melodies of the Month, No. 2.

Intro.: My Dance; Marie Louise;

It's easy to Remember; Vien-

na in Springtime; The Bridal

Waltz; A Street in old Seville.

Len Green (Piano) with String

Bass and Drums.

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Some of these Days (Brooks).

Eddie Peabody playing his Ban-

jo, Mando-Cello, Mandoline

and Banjoline with Piano.

St. Louis Blues (Handy).

Eddie Peabody (Banjo) with

piano.

Melodies of the Month No. 8.

Intro.: Chasing Shadows; One

night of love; I'll never say

"never again" again.

Len Green (Piano) with

Drums.

Just a Crazy Song (Smith and

Williams).

Eddie Peabody playing his Ban-

jo, Guitar, Mandoline and

Mando-Cello with Own Vocal

Chorus with Piano.

Melodies of the Month, No. 15.

Intro.: These foolish things;

Would you? Poor little Ange-

line; The story of love; Love-

ly lady; Melody from the sky.

Len Green (Piano).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

Short Wave Only).

9.45 p.m.—Plantation Songs.

Campdown Races; Uncle Ned;

Ring de Banjo.

Old Black Joe.

Frank Luther and the Lyn Mur-

ray Quartet.

My Old Kentucky Home (Foster).

Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orch.

Nellie Bly; Hard Times Come

Again No More; Oh! Susanna.

Massa's in de Cold, Cold Ground.

Frank Luther and the Lyn Mur-

ray Quartet.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"News from

Home" by Howard Marshall.

10.15 p.m.—London Relay—"The Stones

Cry Out."

Feature Programme. A B.B.C.

Production: Made in England.

10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—That's My Way of Say-

ing I Love You.

Sunset at Sea.

Swing and Sway with Sammy

Kaye.

Rumba—The Rumba-Cardi.

Fox-Trot—Whatever Happened to

You.

Xavier Cugat and his Waldorf-

Astoria Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—A Little King without a

Crown.

Slow Fox-Trot—In a Little Rocky

Valley.

Joe Loss and his Orchestra

Fox-Trots—Walkin' by the River.

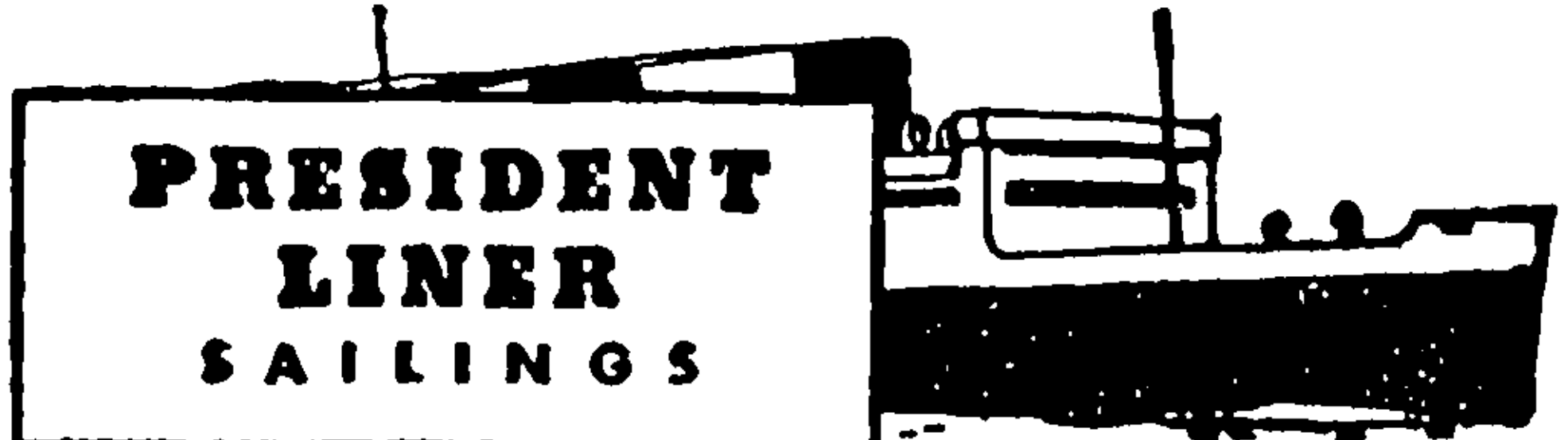
So You're the One.

Hal Kemp and his Orchestra

Waltz—Toyland.

Harry Horlick and His Orch

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



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Great care was taken to keep the burden of the fight distributed as equally as possible among all the squadrons engaged. This was achieved by hard training which continued right through the battle. Whenever there was a lull new formations were devised and flown, new tactics practised. No squadron was even thrown into the fight without previous experience of fighting. They were carefully "nursed" and went into action under the leadership of an experienced Squadron Leader with many hours of combat to his credit. The importance of team-work was fully realised. It was the lesson learnt in France during the battles of May and June, and, fortunately, many pilots who had fought in them were in positions of command during the Battle of Britain. Their knowledge and experience were invaluable.

The avowed object of the enemy was to obtain a quick decision

What was the plan which he sought to carry through in these four phases? It is impossible to say with certainty at this moment. The German mind is very methodical and immensely painstaking. Schemes are worked out

The general plan for the use of the Luftwaffe was to seize and exploit to the full the mastery of the air. This was the main feature in the Polish campaign, in attacks on Norway and the Low Countries and, even to a large extent, in France. Aerodromes were to be put out of action thus tying opposing Air Forces to the ground. Ports and communications could then be destroyed without hindrance, the military forces of the enemy paralysed and German armoured divisions placed in position to operate undisturbed. Success meant the destruction of civilian morale and then internal disruption and surrender.

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"We must start a 'Never Again' Club, the membership pledge being to boycott after the war all sporting events in which the entries of Germans and Italians (who are only fit to play with each other) have been accepted. This to go especially for Olympic Games and all other sporting international."

The snowball grew into an avalanche. It spread, as it had to, outside the domain of sport and became an insistent demand by a vast public for organised expression on broader lines than I had in mind.

Floodtide

Sir Robert Vansittart's series of broadcasts further fanned the flame, and the culmination has been the formation of a "Never Again" association, which, within a few days of its launching, has enrolled thousands of members. Long before the day of reckoning it will be hundreds of thousands. Millions is a possibility.

The many who have written to me since I first broke the subject in the autumn asking impatiently for action will now understand why I delayed returning to the subject.

The number of well-known men with no political interests, including several well-known sports leaders, were determined national expression should be given to the feeling about the Nazi untouchables.

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TENNIS LEAGUE OPENING

By "Adrem"

One of the First Division League tennis matches scheduled for to-day has been postponed and only two matches will mark the opening of the 1941 tennis season.

I have been unable to secure the line-ups in the C.R.C.-University fixture but I understand that neither W. C. Hung nor Paul Kong, two of the registered players, will be turning out.

University I think, are somewhat affected by Volunteer duties but they should be able to turn out a pretty useful side, with most of their best players appearing.

K.C.C. will be without Teddy Fincher, who will be volunteering, and Guest and Grose, two players registered for Second Division, will be turning out against Cricket Club. With Goldman and Pugh appearing as the H.K.C.C. first string, the latter team should be fairly powerful this season and I shall not be surprised if they win this afternoon.

The Recreation-South China match has been postponed, as members of the former team will be volunteering, and will be played tomorrow.

Following is to-day's programme and some of the teams:

C.R.C. v H.K.U.T.C.
H.K.C.C. v K.C.C.

H.K.C.C. I. Goldman and M. Pugh; T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould; C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell.

K.C.C. A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose; A. Crawford and S. A. Gray; E. F. Fincher and G. C. Burnett.

RANGERS WIN CUP FINAL

A crowd of 60,000 saw Rangers, who scored twice in the last four minutes, beat Hearts 4-2 to retain the Scottish Association Football Cup at Hampden Park on Saturday.

The Rangers' forwards were strong and thrustful. Venters and Smith scored within the first 20 minutes.

Hearts had some great attacking spells but finished weakly though Hamilton scored five minutes before half-time.

Hearts made a spirited defence in the second half. Hamilton equalised for them in the 25th minute after which there were equal mid-field exchanges until Thornton and Johnstone scored for Rangers in the closing minutes. —Reuter.

RUSSELL WINS POLICE TITLE

Hong Kong Police held their Rifle Club annual Championship and Novices competition at the Taikoo Range yesterday.

Despite a rather difficult light and variable wind, some good scores were obtained. Sgt. Russell won the Championship cup, with Mr. W. P. Thompson runner-up; and the Hon. C. P. Mr. J. P. Pennefather Evans won the Novices cup, with Sgt. Woodhead runner-up.

The results were as follows:

CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION			
	200 yds.	300 yds.	400 yds.
Sgt. Russell	30	31	27
Mr. Thompson	26	27	31
Sgt. Clarke	25	28	29
Sgt. Sargent	30	27	25
Sgt. Wall	28	28	26
Sgt. Gowans	23	25	31
Sgt. Channing	29	26	23
Sgt. Wass	22	24	29

NOVICES COMPETITION			
	200 yds.	300 yds.	400 yds.
Mr. Pennefather Evans	22	30	32
Sgt. Woodhead	25	25	27
Sgt. Paton	24	26	25
Sgt. Moran	23	24	27
Sgt. Terrell	27	20	21
Sgt. Sullivan	23	25	17
Mr. Wright			
Nooth	26	21	12
Sgt. Blackburn	26	13	17
Sgt. White	20	19	15

SATURDAY'S BOWLS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Following were Saturday's League lawn bowls results:

First Division

RECREIO "A" (2)	74	POLICE R.C. (1)	49
CRAIGENGOWER (3)	89	KOWLOON C.C. (0)	41
CIVIL SERVICE (1)	42	RECREIO "B" (2)	62
INDIAN R.C. (2)	61	KOWLOON B.G.C. "A" (1)	50
KOWLOON DOCK (1)	46	KOWLOON B.G.C. "B" (2)	58

Second Division

RECREIO (1)	64	PRISON OFFICERS (2)	73
HONG KONG C.C. (0)	43	KOWLOON TONG (3)	89
KOWLOON C.C. (2)	57	HONG KONG F.C. (1)	50
TAIKOO (1)	50	CRAIGENGOWER (2)	62

Third Division

CRAIGENGOWER (1)	47	INDIAN R.C. (2)	66
KOWLOON B.G.C. (1)	54	KOWLOON F.C. (2)	60
HONG KONG F.C. (2)	57	RECREIO (1)	49
POLICE R.C. (2)	80	H.K. ELECTRIC (1)	33

Figures in brackets denote rink wins.

Skips Tables

FOLLOWING IS THE RECORD OF THE SKIPS IN THE THREE DIVISIONS OF THE LEAGUE:—

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	3	3	0	0	79	43	36	0	6
A. P. Guterres (Rec. "B")	3	3	0	0	73	40	33	0	6
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C. "A")	3	3	0	0	72	41	31	0	6
R. F. Luz (Rec. "A")	3	3	0	0	69	45	24	0	6
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	3	3	0	0	68	45	23	0	6
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	3	3	0	0	71	54	17	0	6
C. S. Rosset (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	71	42	29	0	4
B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	79	54	25	0	4
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C. "B")	3	2	0	1	72	56	16	0	4
J. J. Basto (Rec. "B")	3	2	0	1	60	48	12	0	4
F. X. Silva (Rec. "A")	3	2	0	1	56	47	9	0	4
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C. "A")	3	2	0	1	56	48	8	0	4
C. C. Silva (Rec. "A")	3	2	0	1	63	56	7	0	4
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	1	1	58	53	5	0	3
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	58	59	0	1	2
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	52	53	0	1	2
L. Guy (K.B.G.C. "B")	3	1	0	2	58	60	0	2	2
A. R. Dal'ah (I.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	52	55	0	3	2
M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	50	60	0	10	2
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	51	62	0	11	2
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	3	1	0	2	51	63	0	12	2
T. A. Madar (K.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	58	71	0	13	2
J. McKelvie (K.B.G.C. "B")	3	1	0	2	48	65	0	17	2
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	45	71	0	26	2
W. Mair (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	48	77	0	29	2
J. Fraser (K.C.C.)	3	0	1	2	46	67	0	21	1
C. S. Sherriff (K.B.G.C. "A")	3	0	0	3	51	68	0	17	0
E. G. Post (P.R.C.)	3	0	0	3	46	67	0	21	0
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	3	0	0	3	38	74	0	36	0
T. Coleman (K.D.R.C.)	3	0	0	3	31	86	0	55	0
Totals	90	44	2	44	1730	1730	275	275	90

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
A. J. Kew (K. Tong)	3	3	0	0	80	38	42	0	6
J. L. Stephens (K. Tong)	3	2	1	0	78	54	24	0	5
W. V. Field (K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	66	34	32	0	4
P. Younghusband (K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	40	27	13	0	4
C. Gowland (P.O.C.)	3	2	0	1	86	49	37	0	4
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	66	46	20	0	4
T. L. Lock (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	62	51	11	0	4
W. J. Bagley (P.O.C.)	3	2	0	1	71	60	2	0	4
R. S. Meadows (K.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	63	60	3	0	4
A. Jiffott (P.O.C.)	3	2	0	1	57	63	0	6	4
W. J. Howard (K. Tong)	3	1	1	1	67	56	11	0	3
N. MacFarlane (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	1	1	53	49	4	0	3
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	3	1	1	1	55	62	0	7	3
A. Steven (K.C.C.)	3	1	1	1	53	63	0	10	3
O. P. Remedios (Recreio)	3	1	1	1	53	66	0	13	3
W. Melrose (T.D.R.C.)	2	1	0	1	45	33	12	0	2
W. Gill (H.K.F.C.)	2	1	0	1	33	36	0	3	2
J. C. Chalmers (T.D.R.C.)	2	1	0	1	34	40	0	6	2
A. W. Brown (H.K.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	30	42	0	12	2
J. A. Remedios (Recreio)	3	1	0	2	57	56	1	0	2
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	47	60	0	13	2
J. R. Soares (Recreio)	3	1	0	2	67	80	0	13	2
A. Brookbank (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	32	0	17	0
W. Simpson (K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
F. Goodwin (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	36	57	0	21	0
G. E. Costello (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	30	54	0	24	0
J. A. Watson (T.D.R.C.)	2	0	0	2	21	58	0	37	0
H. V. Pearce (H.K.F.C.)	3	0	0	3	39	58	0	19	0
Totals	72	33	6	33	1431	1431	212	212	72

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
A. M. Wahab (I.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	50	25	25	0	4
C. F. Needham (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	50	30	20	0	4
E. S. Abraham (H.K.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	43	31	12	0	4
K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	2	2	0	0	44	37	7	0	4
J. C. Aitken (P.R.C.)	3	2	0	1	72	46	26	0	4
A. O. Madar (I.R.C.)	3	2	0	1	64	48	16	0	4
J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	3	2	0	1	67	63	14	0	4
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	3	2	0	1	59	62	7	0	4
R. Ogden (K.F.C.)	3	2	0	1	66	61	5	0	4
M. E. Alarcon (Recreio)	3	2	0	1	62	63	0	1	4
B. Evans (K.F.C.)	3	2	0	1	53	55	0	2	4
J. MacDonald (P.R.C.)	3	1	1	1	60	38	22	0	3
S. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	3	1	1	1	62	60	2	0	3
L. Gaddi (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	28	20	8	0	2
A. Nisim (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	24	18	6	0	2
W. A. Cornell (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	15	5	0	2
J. B. Gilray (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	19	15	4	0	2
L. de Rome (H.K.F.C.)	2	1	0	1	36	34	5	0	2
H. Nish (K.B.G.C.)	2	1	0	1	43	41	2	0	2
G. S. Ladd (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	36	0	1	2
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	57	58	0	1	2
M. A. Carvalho (Recreio)	3	1	0	2	45	53	0	6	2
P. C. Morgan (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	55	64	0	9	2
A. J. Coelho (C.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	37	63	0	28	2
N. R. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	22	23	0	1	0
B. A. Mansell (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	17	20	0	3	0
A. H. Madar (H.K.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
C. E. Gahagan (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	20	0	6	0
A. McKellar (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	29	0	15	0
J. K. Sloan (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	8	36	0	30	0
G. E. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
J. Pau (C.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	34	56	0	22	0
A. F. Paul (H.K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	21	53	0	32	0
P. A. Yvannovich (Recreio)	3	0	0	3	48	64	0	16	0
Totals	72	35	2	35	1374	1374	188	188	72

PECULIAR NAMES IN SPORT

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Charles Dickens knew the answer. So does Damon Runyan.

"I've always suspected that the man who made the neat-get-away with the Crown Jewels only traded under the name of Blood, with the Colonel thrown in for luck, and that his real name was Postlethwaite, or Popjoy, or even Cohen, writes a correspondent from London.

Sporting men have rarely risen to the possibilities of colourful nomenclature. Boxers have tried without much imagination, and all-in wrestlers with too much, but professional footballers and cricketers are generally content to battle on with the label pinned on them by short-sighted parents.

The Sunderland of Buchan's day had a winger named Death, who was so quick off the mark 'tis said they had to close the gates at Roker to keep him in the ground. But he wasn't christened Sudden.

And it was not until a contemporary who bore the name of a distinguished performer in a sinister public office joined Death in the Gillingham forward line that the Ellis Death partnership became known as the Hangman Wing.

Boozer's Gloom

Almost unnoticed there was once an important League match played in which the winning team's goalkeeper was Cann and the loser's Cant, but you couldn't have improved on Wigglesworth for an elusive winger. It probably added £2,000 to the fee when the Wolverhampton manager, Major Buckley, put him up for transfer.

Which, somewhere, brings me to my news that Alf Chapman's grand old gentleman, Boozer's Gloom, is back in training again after a successful leg operation.

Now that's a name, gentlemen. It just had to win races. I back it most times out, and it generally pays a dividend.

Bought After A Celebration

With a mother called Take a Glass it would have been perfect if the sire had been Hangover and not an aristocratic Gainsborough.

But Boozer's Gloom, if not named after an owner's night out—he was a Colonel McCalmont two-year-old, Stockbridge trained, does now belong to a licensee, and was bought at the Star and Garter, Windsor, after a celebration. Here's the story.

How It Happened

Mr. Chapman had backed his own horse Buck of Berks to win a fortune, but Boozer's Gloom beat him easily. Next time out, with a big pull in the weights, Buck of Berks just beat the other.

But by now Mr. Chapman had formed a high opinion of Boozer's Gloom, and when that evening at the Star and Garter the Lewes trainer, Jack Lang and, mentioned there was an offer for him from the Russian Government Mr. Chapman sat up and took notice.

He made a bid, and included in the offer a gentleman's agreement that Jack should always train the horse.

The deal with clinched, and Boozer's Gloom won ten races for his new owner.

The Other Gordon

Each morning, like the sober gent he is, The Boozer goes for a lone country walk from his farm near Ongar.

At a certain spot he pokes his head over the hedge, neighs a courteous good morning to an old friend, and then gallops straight home by himself—never late for lunch.

Strange how The Boozer has been linked with trade associations.

About a year ago he was often ridden at exercise by Alf Gordon, one of the most successful English jockeys to ride on the Continent, and now a popular mine host at Selsey Bill.

Gordon rode over 500 winners while abroad. He won the last Danish Derby at Copenhagen, and can give you plenty of evidence of insidious Nazi activities in that country, even in racing, in the months preceding the invasion.

Boastful, Bashful, And Brazen

Coming back to names, there is a much-talked-about product of

BAD PERFORMANCES AT ATHLETIC MEET

Army beat the Chinese by 32 points to 22 in the athletic match at Caroline Hill Stadium yesterday.

Performances were on the poor side, and even Pte. Lever of Middlesex could do no better than 158 ft. 5½ ins. with the javelin, though he threw the discus 114 ft. 1 5/8 ins.

The high jump produced a best performance of only 5 ft. 4 ins. and the long jump a best leap of 20 ft. 4 ins.

Brig J. T. W. Reeve, D.S.O., presented, at the conclusion of the sports, the Chuk Hung Athletic Cup to Lt. Pollock, Captain of the Army team. The Cup was presented by Mr. Ko Chuk-hung to be kept for one year by the winning team.

Mr. Tseng King-hong, Manager of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation team, and Mr. Mok Hing, Chairman of the Federation, also spoke at the presentation ceremony.

400 Metres Relay:—1, Army (Sgt. March, Gnr. Perry, Gnr. Rocha and

Gnr. Marshall); 2, Chinese (Lo Chi-to, Lau Chi-kin, Lai Chung-yiu and Lam Man-sing). Time: 48 2/5 secs.

Throwing the Discus:—1, Army (Pte. Lever and L/Cpl. Woolyer); 2, Chinese (Lo Shun-shok and Suen Yue). Distance: 85.29 metres.

400 Metres Hurdles Relay:—1, Army (Capt. Skipwith, Gnr. Marshall, Gnr. Pollock and Sgt. Halsey); 2, Chinese (Chan Tin-chau, Au Kit-man, Lai Chan-lau and Lai Kwai-chuen). Time: 1 min. 11 3/5 secs.

Putting the Weight:—1, Army (Hav. Sarsar Khan and L/W. Shingara Singh); 2, Chinese (Lo Shun-shok and Yu Man-fui). Distance: 21.2 metres.

800 Metres Relay:—1, Chinese (Tam Hoi-chuen, Lo Chi-to, Chau Hon-shiu and Leung Man-sing); 2, Army (L/Cpl. Bright, Cpl. Matthews, Cpl. Selton and L/Cpl. Bendon). Time: 1 min. 42 secs.

Pole Vault:—1, Chinese (Chu Fook-sing and Fong Chi-hung); 2, Army (Hav. Maj. Kundan Singh and Pte. Thomas). Height: 20.4 metres.

Throwing the Javelin:—1, Army (Capt. Skipwith and Pte. Lever); 2, Chinese (Lo Shun-shok and Tak Chun). Distance: 90.3 metres.

1,500 Metres Team Relay:—1, Army (Hav. Mohammed Ali, N.K. Sardara Singh, L/N.K. Bardh Singh and Gnr. Johndan Singh); 2, Chinese (Cheung Kat-pui, Chan Shiu-wai, So Pak-sing and Leung Lai-ying). Time: 4 mins. 38 3/5 secs.

1,000 Metres Relay:—1, Army (L/Cpl. Cocks, L/Cpl. McGrady, Pte. Goodair and Pte. Williams); 2, Chinese (Cheung Chau, Sin Kwok-bun, Lai Chan-lau and Lam Kwok-leung). Time: 3 mins. 48 2/5 secs.

High Jump:—1, Chinese (Lam Hung-loy and Chang Chun-gun); 2, Army (Capt. Skipwith and Gnr. Chadra Bhanu Singh). Height: 10.7 metres.

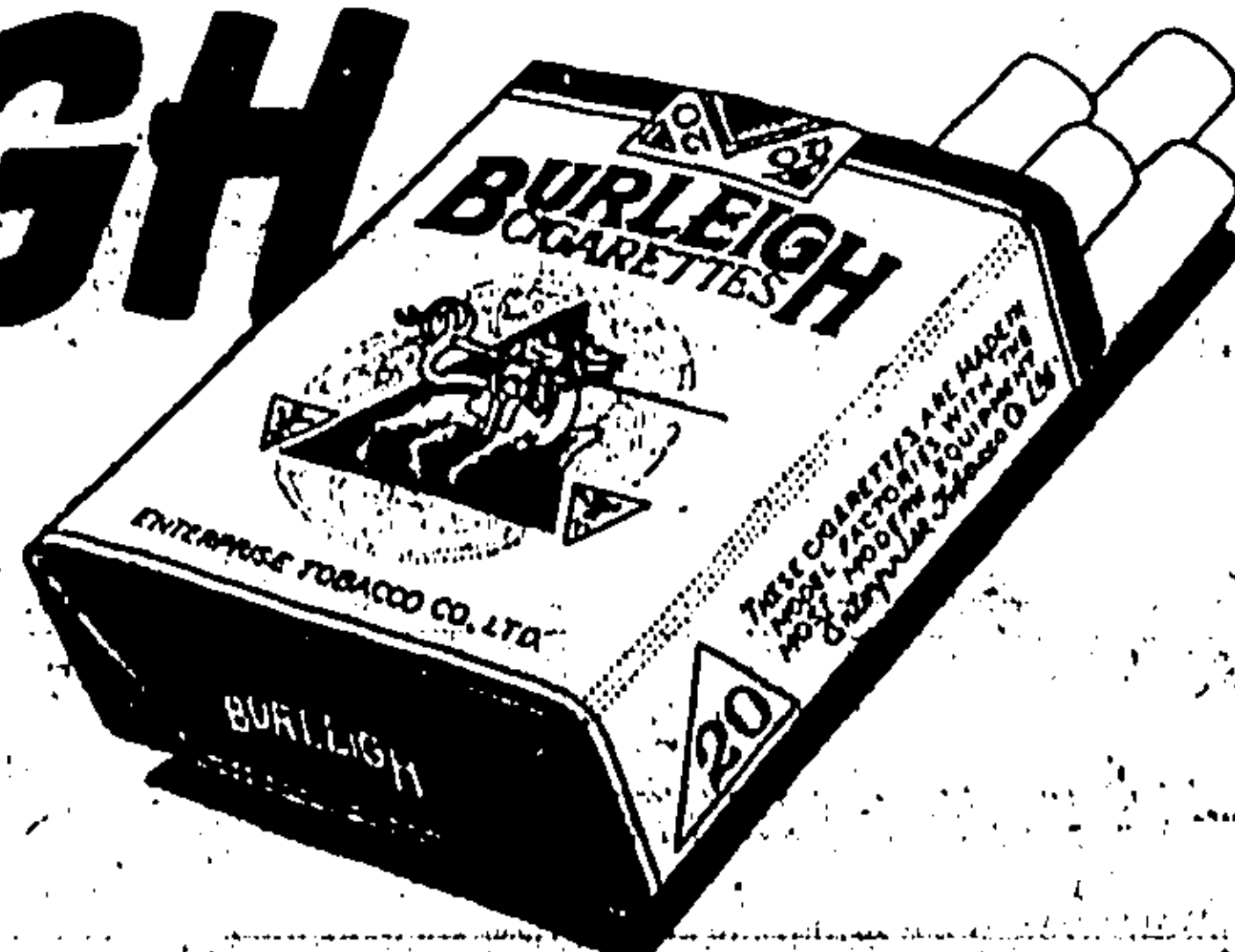
5,000 Metres Relay:—1, Army (Hav. Karan Bahsh, Gnr. Lakman Khan, Gnr. Sohan Singh and L/N. Mohammed Sharif); 2, Chinese (L. Yuk-fong, Chau Shui-wai, So Pak-sing and Leung Lai-yick). Time: 5 mins. 4 secs.

Long Jump:—1, Army (L/N. Nath Shingara Singh and Gnr. Halden Ali); 2, Chinese (Tam Hoi-chuen and Lam Man-sing). Distance: 26.8 metres.

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MUSSOLINI IN ROLE OF THE KING-MAKER

Croatian Farce Carried Through

FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT of the nomination of the Duke of Spoleto to the throne of Croatia, the Croat delegation attended at the Palazzo Venezia for the signature of military and frontier agreements with Italy.

Before the signature Pavelitch and Mussolini appeared four times on the balcony, to be cheered by the crowd, after which Mussolini insisted that the Croats should appear a fifth time by themselves.

The agreements were then signed by Mussolini and Pavelitch in the presence of Ciano and the Croat delegation, including the secretary of the Oustachi (terrorist) organisation.

The documents comprising the treaty define the frontiers between Italy and Croatia, a military agreement in regard to the Mediterranean coastal zone, a treaty of guarantee and collaboration, a final protocol and an exchange of letters between the heads of the two Governments.

Under the frontier agreement the port of Susak, near Fiume, is to be Italy's though it lies in Croatia. The next port down the coast, Kraljevica, is included in Croatia.

The coast of Croatia will include the port of Sebenico, in Dalmatia.—Reuter.

"Of Roman Strength"

The new kingdom of Croatia is to be developed into a state of "Roman strength," Mussolini announced yesterday.

He made this declaration at a luncheon to Croat delegates following the Duke of Spoleto's nomination as King of Croatia.

The Duce described the Croatian oustachi (terrorist organisation) as "the armed guard of the Croat revolution" and paid a warm tribute to Pavelitch as leader of that organisation.—Reuter.

TYPICAL NAZI CANARD

In their anxiety to discredit Britain in the eyes of the world, particularly in Greece, it is stated authoritatively in London that the Germans have invented a story which their Trans-Ocean news service has given to the world.

The fabrication says that Sir Michael Palaioret, British Minister formerly in Athens, was going to Palestine and had said that all future communications between the British and Greek Governments would be transacted through the Greek Legation in London.

Authoritative quarters in London says there is no word of truth in the allegation. Normal diplomatic relations are being maintained between the British Government and her ally, the Greek Government.—Reuter.

No Confirmation

Reports that the Duke of Spoleto, nephew of the King of Italy, has accepted the crown of Croatia, which the Italian Royal House has instituted, are not confirmed in London and the whole affair is treated as being of little significance.

Attention is, however, again drawn to a message to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs by the Yugoslav Minister, containing a strongly worded condemnation of the action of the Axis powers in attempting to cut off a portion of Yugoslav territory and in purporting to set up a so-called free Croatian state.

The message affirmed that this "completely unjustifiable proceeding" grossly violates the true feelings of the Yugoslav people in general and of the Croatian population in particular.—British Wireless.

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FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A B.B.C. broadcast picked up in New York quoted a Rumanian radio station as announcing that Germany has begun transporting infantry on board ships in Rumanian Black Sea ports through the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, presumably headed for Syria and Iraq.—International News Service.

22 NAZI 'PLANES DESTROYED

TWENTY-TWO NAZI AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED BY THE R.A.F. IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN OPERATIONS ON SATURDAY NIGHT RANGING THROUGH CYRENAICA, GREECE, IRAQ, ABYSSINIA, THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE AND CRETE, ACCORDING TO YESTERDAY'S R.A.F. CAIRO COMMUNIQUE.

In addition 20 Junkers 52's were seen to be hit at Hassan aerodrome, in Greece.

Twenty vehicles were destroyed by fire near Capuzzo.—Reuter.

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GERMAN SEIZURE OF CONTROL AT DAKAR

MASTERY OF THE ADRIATIC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Under the peace treaty between Italy and the newly-created kingdom of Croatia, Italy get the entire Dalmatian coast, as well as virtual military and economic domination over Croatia.

Italy gets all the Dalmatian coast southwards as far as the border of old Montenegro, including the important Yugoslav ports of Split and Sebenico and all important islands along the coast. This constitutes virtual Italian mastery of the Adriatic.

Croatia is pledged to take no military, naval, political or economic steps which might menace Italy's hold on the coastal regions.

When Mussolini and the Croatian leader, Dr. Pavelitch, appeared on the balcony and were hysterically cheered, Mussolini smiled while Pavelitch was ash-faced.—International News Service.

Key Positions In Port Occupied

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GERMAN SEIZURE OF PORT FACILITIES, AERODROMES AND PART OF THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICES OF THE FRENCH WEST AFRICAN PORT OF DAKAR, WAS REPORTED LAST NIGHT BY USUALLY RELIABLE FRENCH SOURCES IN LONDON.

Some of the best and most modern ships of the French Navy are reported to be anchored in harbour at Dakar, the African port nearest to South America.

The report of Germany's partial occupation of Dakar coincides with press messages describing the influx of German army, navy and air force officers and "technicians" into the Senegalese port.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Senator Claude Pepper is still suggesting American seizure of Dakar as a counter to French collaboration with the Axis.

Use Of Bases

Senator Pepper's proposal followed disclosure that the German agreement with the Vichy

regime, as received by the U.S. Government, includes a provision for the use of French naval and air bases in Africa, as well as Europe.

Senator Reynolds urged caution in talks of seizing Dakar by force but suggested that negotiations be opened immediately to buy French possessions in the western hemisphere, including the Caribbean island of Martinique.

Vichy Statement

A statement was issued yesterday by the French Government at Vichy saying that German occupation of Dakar was not raised at the recent meeting between Admiral Darlan and Hitler.

The statement refutes allegations that the control of Dakar by Germany was agreed upon at the Darlan-Hitler meeting.—International News Service.

RESIGNATION OF SUNER REJECTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Madrid report states that the Spanish Foreign Minister, Senor Serrano Suner, has handed in his resignation to General Franco.

General Franco, says the report, has refused Senor Suner's resignation.

The Spanish Cabinet will meet to-morrow.—International News Service.

R.A.F. BUTTS IN AGAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

While Baghdad radio claimed an Iraqi invasion of Palestine, British planes are bombing and machine-gunning motor lorries bound for Palestine as the latest development in the increasingly complex Near Eastern war.

Lorries crossing the Syrian frontier for Iraq loaded with material for Raschid Ali were destroyed when R.A.F. planes swooped down and attacked.—International News Service.

SURPRISE MOVE BY SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Soviet Russia, in a surprise move, has closed to diplomats and all other foreigners, certain areas in the Black Sea and Caspian oil fields, the Central Asiatic Republics and the Far East and northern frontiers.

The order, interpreted in diplomatic circles in Moscow as the forerunner of an important Russian move, was circulated among the Moscow Diplomatic Corps by the Soviet Foreign Office.

It also prohibits travel anywhere in the U.S.S.R. except on special permission.

It is announced that notice of the route to be travelled, destination and duration of the journey, must be supplied to the Soviet Foreign Office before such permission can be obtained.—International News Service.

AFGHAN APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Afghanistan is reliably reported to have appealed to President Roosevelt to mediate in the Iraq hostilities "in order to save further bloodshed."—International News Service.

ONE OF GREATEST R.A.F. ONSLAUGHTS OF THE WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GREAT FIRES WERE LEFT BURNING IN THE GERMAN INDUSTRIAL CITY OF COLOGNE AND GREAT AREAS ON THE FRENCH COAST WERE STREWN WITH RUBBLE IN THE WAKE OF ONE OF THE GREATEST R.A.F. BOMBARDMENTS OF THE WAR.

Residents on the English coast who watched and heard the terrific bombing attack on the invasion coast, said it was the heaviest pounding the R.A.F. had ever carried out in that area.

The Cologne attack, according to the Air Ministry, brought a hall of incendiary and high explosive bombs plummeting down for the second successive night. An earlier announcement had stated that Friday night's attack had left Cologne a mass of smoking ruins.

Other British planes ranged over Rotterdam and Boulogne, where the docks were badly battered.—International News Service.

Nazis Filter Into Iraq

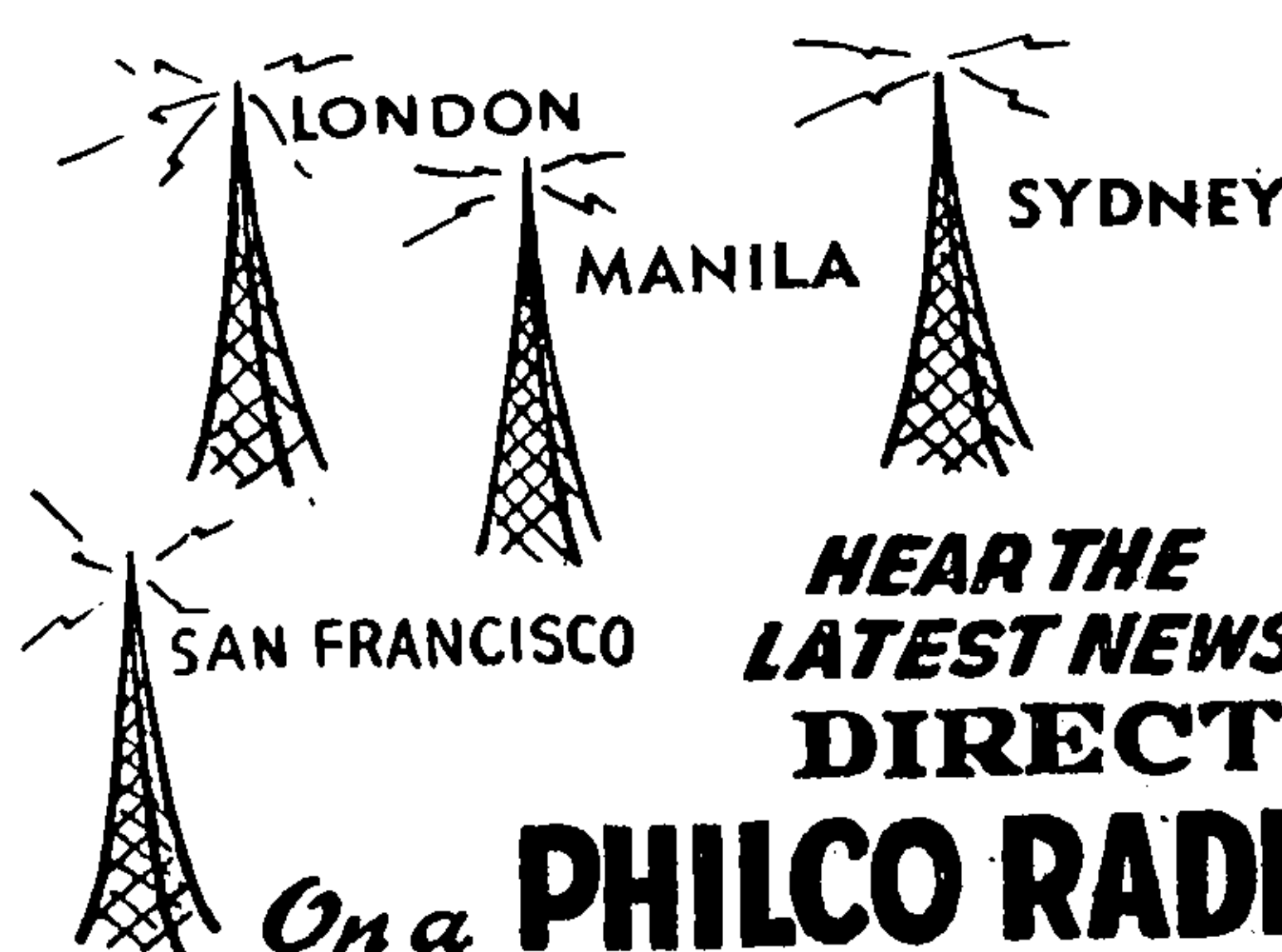
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

British and German forces have come to grips in a new theatre of war—the rich oil fields of Iraq—where fighting previously had been confined to hostilities between the British and comparatively small Iraqi forces.

There are indications that German troops are filtering into Iraq in transport planes.

Following the German air attack on the R.A.F. aerodrome at Habbaniyah, British planes have bombed groups of Nazi machines standing on the runway at Mosul aerodrome, in the very heart of the Mosul oil field.

One Heinkel was destroyed and others damaged.—International News Service.



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Discussing Terms Of Surrender At Amba Alagi

MAIN DEFENCE NOW COMPLETELY SURROUNDED

DESPITE HEAVY MISTS AND CLOUD SURROUNDING THE TOWERING HEIGHTS OF AMBA ALAGI, SOUTH AFRICAN AND PATRIOT FORCES FROM THE SOUTH AND BRITISH TROOPS FROM THE NORTH HAVE SUCCEEDED IN COMPLETELY SURROUNDING THE MAIN ENEMY FORTIFICATION.

Splendid work has been done by the British artillery, as well as the South African and Rhodesian Air Forces and the R.A.F., all of which have played an important part in the success of our land forces.

At 8.15 on Friday morning a representative of a section of Italian junior officers asked to be allowed to discuss terms of surrender. We agreed to talk with him provided he was speaking for the Duke of Aosta.

The order to cease fire was arranged for 6 p.m. and if the terms were not accepted, fire would be recommenced at 9.15 p.m.

It is not yet known in Khartoum what transpired after the cease fire.

With the fall of Dessie and the imminent fall of Amba Alagi, the one remaining point of Italian resistance will be Gondar, against which our pressure will be increased by the release of troops from elsewhere.

Question Of Time

Should the Duke of Aosta submit to the terms of surrender it would have a demoralising effect on the other Italian commanders still holding out.

In any case it is only a question of a short time before all Italians are rounded up in Abyssinia, leaving only small scattered bandits (native levies), Italian colonials and deserters roaming the countryside as bandits.

The Duke of Aosta's move to seek terms of surrender does not necessarily mean that the whole Abyssinian campaign will be ended immediately, according to the view in London, says Reuter's military correspondent.

On Hitler's Orders

While the Duke doubtless sees that further resistance in the Amba Alagi area is useless, no mention is made of the other two centres of Italian resistance—the Gondar district, south-west of Amba Alagi, and the lakes districts, which are about 200 miles south of Addis Ababa.

It is thought probable that following Hitler's instructions to continue resistance as long as possible in forces diverted from their real object—Libya—the Duke will not call off resistance in the Gondar and lakes areas.

67,000 Left

IT IS NOT KNOWN WHAT THE EXACT STRENGTH OF THE ITALIAN FORCES IN ABYSSINIA IS. ABOUT A WEEK AGO IT WAS ESTIMATED THERE WERE ABOUT 33,000 ITALIAN AND 30,000 NATIVE TROOPS BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THEIR DISPOSITION.

If the vast majority have been engaged in the Amba Alagi area it is likely that the surrender of the Italian forces there will result in operations being brought to a close quietly in other districts.—Reuter.

Great Importance

The Duke of Aosta, himself and about 7,000 Italian troops are believed to be beleaguered in Amba Alagi, in north-east Abyssinia, some 80 miles south-east of Adowa.

Military circles in London attach great importance to the sur-

rounding of this very strong fortress by the Imperial forces.

Amba Alagi and the surrounding area is regarded as the most important centre of Italian resistance now remaining in Abyssinia, the other two being Gondar, to the westward, and the lakes area south of Addis Ababa.

If the Duke's overtures result in a clearing up of operations in the Amba Alagi sector this will be regarded as definitely a severe blow to all organised Italian resistance in Abyssinia. British Wireless.

MAN HUNT FOR NAZI WAR PRISONERS

One of the most dramatic man-hunts ever staged in north-west England, in which bloodhounds, police, soldiers and mobile units of the Home Guard participated, ended yesterday with the capture of the last of the five Nazi prisoners who escaped from an internment camp on Friday.

He was a naval wireless officer and the only one of the escaped men who was dressed in civilian clothes.

Pursuers found him near the scene of the arrest of his four companions, about 15 miles from the prison camp.—Reuter.

GREEK MINISTERS' EXPERIENCE

A TWIN-MOTORED ITALIAN PLANE MACHINE-GUNNED A 300-TON BOAT ON WHICH THE GREEK MINISTERS, M. COTZIAS (FINANCE) AND M. APOSTOLIDES (JUSTICE) WERE MAKING THEIR WAY FROM TURKEY TO PALESTINE, REPORTS THE JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT OF THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH NEWS-AGENCY.

None was injured in the attack, and the two Ministers, who have arrived in Haifa, are continuing their journey to "somewhere" in the Middle East.—Reuter.

NO RAIDS ON BRITAIN LAST EVENING

Up to a late hour last night there were no reports of German aircraft over Britain since dusk, says Reuter.

Role Of Bulgaria

The Bulgarian War Minister, General Daskaloff, has left by air for Berlin, according to an Istanbul despatch to the Independent French news agency.

He will discuss with the Germans the general mobilisation in Bulgaria of all men up to the age of 50, says the report.

The Germans are withdrawing troops from Greece and want to extend the zone occupied by Bulgarian troops. Reuter.

THE CROAT BARGAIN

MATERIALS IN EXCHANGE FOR COMPULSORY LABOUR SERVICE, WAS THE BARGAIN STRUCK BY BETWEEN PAVELITCH, THE CROAT LEADER AND "FUEHRER," WITH THE NAZI AUTHORITIES, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE INFORMATION REACHING AUTHORITY CROAT CIRCLES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

The despatch of 55,000 labourers to Germany was part of the barter plan, it is asserted. In return, Croatia gets ersatz goods.

It is also stated that capital punishment has been introduced in Croatia for printing or spreading "seditious" leaflets, economic sabotage and strikes.—Reuter.

NEW AIR LETTER SERVICE

A new air letter service from troops in the Middle East to Britain was inaugurated by General Wavell in a message to General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, beginning "My dear Jack" and signed "Yours ever, Archie Wavell."

General Wavell says the service will mean a lot to a great many people and hopes it will be possible to keep it up regularly.—Reuter.



Picture from the Western Desert showing Free French forces, contributing their part for the arms of democracy. A Free French patrol in their British pattern infantry truck. (Copyright, Fox).

AMERICA WILL ENSURE ADEQUATE AID TO BRITAIN

TWO IMPORTANT DECLARATIONS ON AMERICAN POLICY WERE MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, IN A NATIONWIDE BROADCAST LAST NIGHT.

First, Mr. Hull asserted America would find means of ensuring that Britain received adequate supplies. Second, he put forward for the first time principles which the Government felt should rule the world when peace is re-established.

Pointing out that much of United States foreign trade this year was in "tools of self-defence," Mr. Hull declared it would be futile if goods failed to reach those for whom they were intended, when Americans had the task of arming and supplying those whose successful defence is vital for their security.

"I have said before and I say again, we will not permit this purpose to be frustrated. We will find a way to ensure that weapons pouring in in an even greater volume from our factories reach the hands eagerly awaiting them."

Paramount purpose of the Axis powers, Mr. Hull declared, was to secure control of the seas for purposes of world domination.

Halt Demanded

He continued: "Either the spread of lawlessness in the world must be brought to a halt or we shall, soon, find ourselves surrounded by aggressors and compelled to fight virtually alone and at great odds, for our own national existence."

Making the first major pronouncement concerning the principles of peace, Mr. Cordell Hull said these must include:—

FIRST, EXTREME NATIONALISM MUST NOT AGAIN BE PERMITTED TO EXPRESS ITSELF IN EXCESSIVE TRADE RESTRICTIONS.

Second, non-discrimination in international commercial relations must be the rule, so that international trade may grow and prosper.

Third, raw materials supplies must be available to all nations without discrimination.

Commodity Supplies

Fourth, international agreements regulating the supply of commodities must be so handled as to protect fully consuming countries and their peoples.

Fifth, institutions and arrangements of international finance must be so arranged that they aid essential enterprise and continuous development in all countries and permit payment by processes of trade consonant with the welfare of all countries.—Reuter.

D.E.I. WILL FIGHT

THE NETHERLANDS MINISTERS, DR. VAN KLEFFENS AND DR. WELTER, HAVE ARRIVED AT AUCKLAND (N.Z.) FROM SYDNEY EN ROUTE FOR CONVERSATIONS WITH NEW ZEALAND CABINET MINISTERS.

Dr. van Kleffens said that if the Dutch Indies were attacked they would certainly fight and were well prepared to defend themselves.—Reuter.

TO MEET "FORCE WITH FORCE"

General Dentz's Challenge In Broadcast Loyalty To Marshal Petain

"THE ARMY OF THE ORIENT, WHOSE SUPREME COMMANDER IS MARSHAL PETAIN, AND WHICH ENJOYS THE SYMPATHY OF THE WHOLE POPULATION, IS READY TO MEET FORCE WITH FORCE," DECLARED GENERAL HENRI DENTZ, VICHY'S GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN SYRIA, IN AN ANNOUNCEMENT BROADCAST FROM BEIRUT YESTERDAY.

General Dentz said Britain had decided to oppose by force German planes which had landed in Syria.

Marshal Petain had already declared France had no enmity towards England or her Empire. "Yesterday's incidents do not mean the occupation of the country or interference in its affairs. They result purely from application of the armistice terms. This is the whole truth."

Meet Force With Force

"France, Syria and Lebanon, which are bound together to-day more than ever in brotherly understanding, will not endanger their just cause by carrying out aggressive activity the result of which would be the sacrifice of innocent people here or elsewhere."

"I have been entrusted with the duty of defending this country and I shall carry out my duty to the best of my ability."

GENERAL DENTZ CONCLUDED WITH A DECLARATION ABOUT MEETING FORCE WITH FORCE. REUTER.

Attacks On Bases Continue

The British attacks on Syrian aerodromes were continued on Saturday morning, according to an Ankara despatch to the German news agency quoting Beirut reports, says Reuter.

Free French Warned

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

General Henri Dentz, French Commander-in-Chief in Syria, in his broadcast in which he openly warned Britain that Syria would "meet force with force," also warned the Free French forces in the Middle East against invading Syria. International News Service.

Invasion Of Palestine Reported

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Baghdad radio announcement picked up in London claimed that the Iraqis have invaded Palestine. Apparently driving through Transjordan and crossing the Jordan River along a route paralleling the Mosul-Haifa pipeline, Iraqi troops were said by Baghdad to have penetrated Palestine as far as Nablus, which is only 25 miles inland from the Mediterranean coast and only 40 miles north of Jerusalem.—International News Service.

BOY FATALLY INJURED

Playing on the top of an A.R.P. Pen Shelter in Tai Nam Street, Shamshuipo, with a group of other boys, a 12-year-old Chinese lad, Chan Sin-lan, lost his footing near the edge and fell heavily on his head yesterday. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital, but died at 5.30 a.m. to-day.

SOVIET PACT WITH IRAQ

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The B.B.C. reported yesterday that Russia and Iraq have signed a diplomatic and commercial pact.—International News Service.

AUSTRALIA NOT TO BE OVERAWED

Australia would not be overawed by any menace in the Pacific, declared Sir Frederick Stewart, Commonwealth Minister for External Affairs, in a speech in Sydney yesterday.

He said: "We may want peace but if any nation thinks it can profit by our preoccupation elsewhere I can say Australia is ready and able to defend herself."

"I cannot accept with equanimity Mr. Matsuoka's statement that he intends to work in the closest union with Germany." — Reuter.

MAKING RUN FOR IT

Five German ships carrying important cargoes of coal supplies, left Chilean ports on Saturday.

They were the "Rakhotis" from Antofagasta, the "Quito" and "Bogota" from Coquimbo, the "Frankfurt" from Talcahuano, and the "Erlanger" from Puerto Monte.

The British armed merchantman "Laguna" left Antofagasta pursuing the "Rakhotis." — Reuter.

SAVAGE PENALTIES

THE MOST SAVAGE PENALTIES YET ENFORCED AGAINST FOLLOWERS OF GENERAL DE GAULLE ARE REPORTED IN A MESSAGE FROM VICHY RECEIVED IN BERNE.

The war tribunal at Clermont-Ferrand, it reports, has condemned three non-commissioned officers to death and imposed sentences of imprisonment ranging from life to 10 years on 17 non-commissioned officers and others for alleged participation in the de Gaulle movement.—Reuter.

ACCORDING TO ROME

British positions have been attacked at Basra by Iraqi rebels and fierce fighting is in progress, according to Rome radio yesterday quoting unconfirmed reports, says Reuter.

LONDON HITS THE BULL FIRST SHOT

Two days after it was launched, London's huge War Weapons Week—in which 62 boroughs are seeking £100,000,000—is already an assured success.

Although no definite figures were available last night, official indications were that the aim would be surpassed.—Reuter.

Invasion Ports Battered

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Saturday night's battering of the invasion ports on the French coast was carried out by waves of R.A.F. bombers and developed into one of the heaviest air attacks of the war.

This gigantic assault followed the Air Ministry announcement that the Rhineland industrial centre of Cologne had been left in fiery ruins by the British bombing attack of the previous night.

Dover reports the heaviest explosions yet heard from the French coast, which rattled doors and windows in Kent coast towns. Tremendous bomb flashes were seen across the Channel, lighting the clear, starry sky.

IT IS PRESUMED THAT THE BRITISH RAIDERS, WHICH NUMBERED OVER 100, WERE USING POWERFUL NEW SUPER-BOMBS.

Heaviest blows appeared to be centred on Dunkirk but Boulogne was also lashed and German long-range artillery in the Gris Nez region was heavily pounded.—International News Service.

PEACEFUL SUNDAY

SUNDAY WAS A QUIET DAY AS FAR AS DAYLIGHT AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN WAS CONCERNED.

There was slight enemy air activity around the coasts but no enemy planes flew inland.

According to an Air Ministry communique up to 7.30 there were no reports of any bombs having been dropped.—Reuter.

NAZI GARRISONS REINFORCED

IT WAS RELIABLY REPORTED IN ANKARA YESTERDAY (SAYS REUTER) THAT THE GERMANS ARE REINFORCING THE GARRISONS OF THE GREEK ISLANDS OF CHIOS AND MYTILENE.



Members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force indulge in fencing in their spare time, to keep fit. (Copyright, Fox).

HEAVY STRAFING OF ENEMY AIR BASES

CONTINUED STRAFING of enemy bases is reported in yesterday's R.A.F. communique in Cairo which states that on the night of May 16-17 British heavy bombers attacked Benghazi, where considerable damage was done.

A number of fires were caused which continued to burn long after the British aircraft had left the target, while Derna and Gazala were also raided.

At Derna, explosions, one of which was particularly violent, took place among buildings south of the harbour. Fires were caused on the aerodrome at Gazala, which was bombed and machine-gunned.

British fighters maintained constant patrols and shot down two Messerschmidts near Sollum and successfully machine-gunned a large motor transport supply column on the Tobruk-Bardia road and the Capuzzo track, completely stopping road traffic.

More than 20 vehicles were completely destroyed by fire and many others damaged, and a petrol dump was blown up.

Suez Raid

Enemy aircraft raided the Suez Canal area on Saturday night but no damage or casualties resulted to Service property or personnel.

Two enemy aircraft were destroyed by A.A. fire and another was shot down by our fighters. Aerodromes in Greece occupied by the Germans were heavily attacked during the night of May 16/17.

British bombers caused a number of fires at Argos and also at Menidi, where violent explosions occurred at the north end of the aerodrome.

20 Junkers Hit

Four aircraft on the ground

were destroyed at Maloi where direct incendiary bombs fell among dispersed aircraft, causing considerable damage.

These bombing attacks were followed at dawn by attacks by British fighters, which machine-gunned the aerodromes at Hassan, Argos and Maloi.

At Hassan, 20 Junkers 52's were seen to be hit and a number of Messerschmidts and Heinkels were also attacked. At Argos, similar attacks were carried out against enemy aircraft on the aerodrome. Two of them were set on fire and others damaged.

Crete Battle

Enemy aircraft at Maloi made excellent targets for our aircraft and many hits were observed.

When enemy aircraft attempted a machine-gun attack on one of our aerodromes in Crete, fighters intercepted them and destroyed three Messerschmidts and damaged others.

Anti-aircraft fire brought down four enemy aircraft and damaged others.—Reuter.

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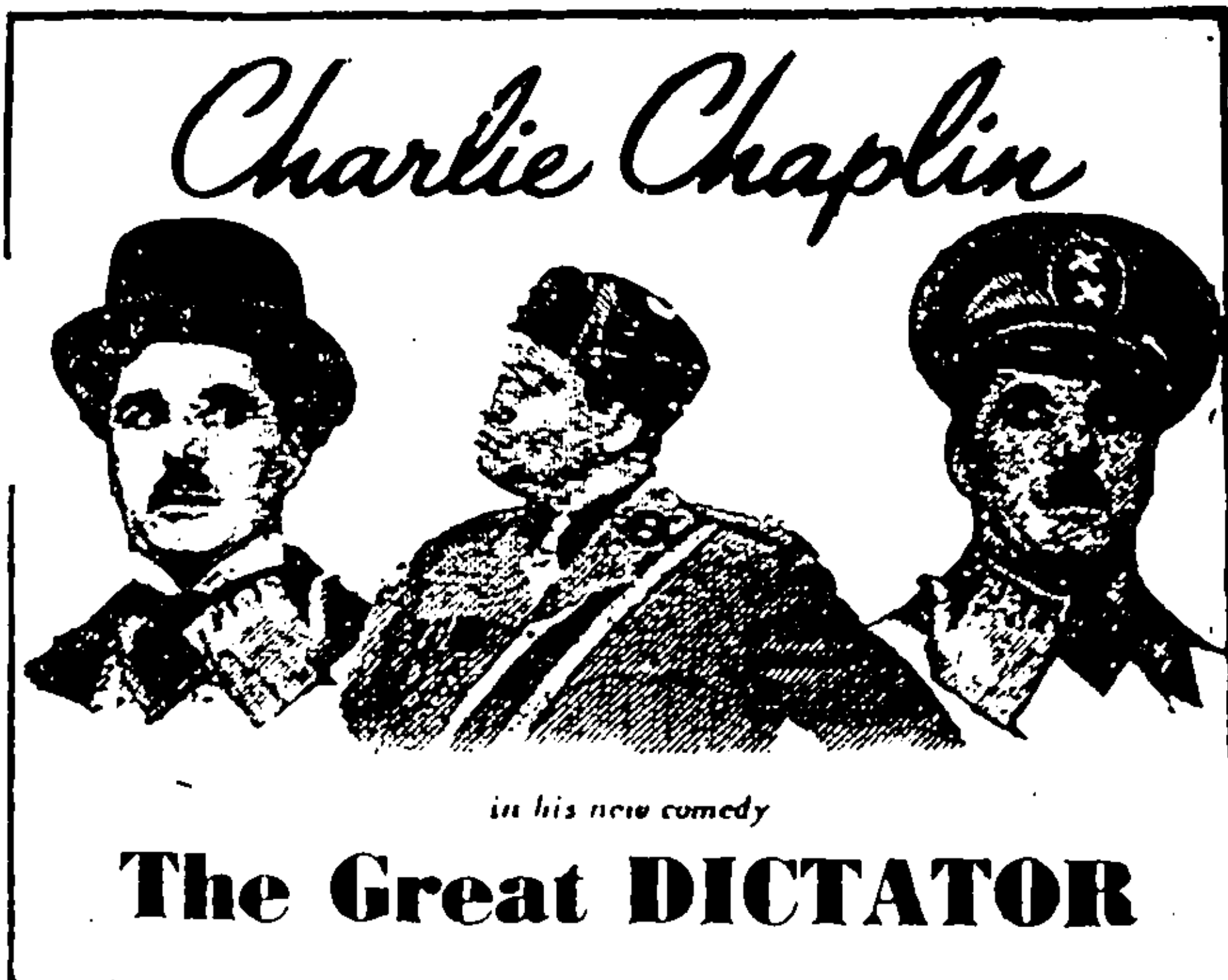


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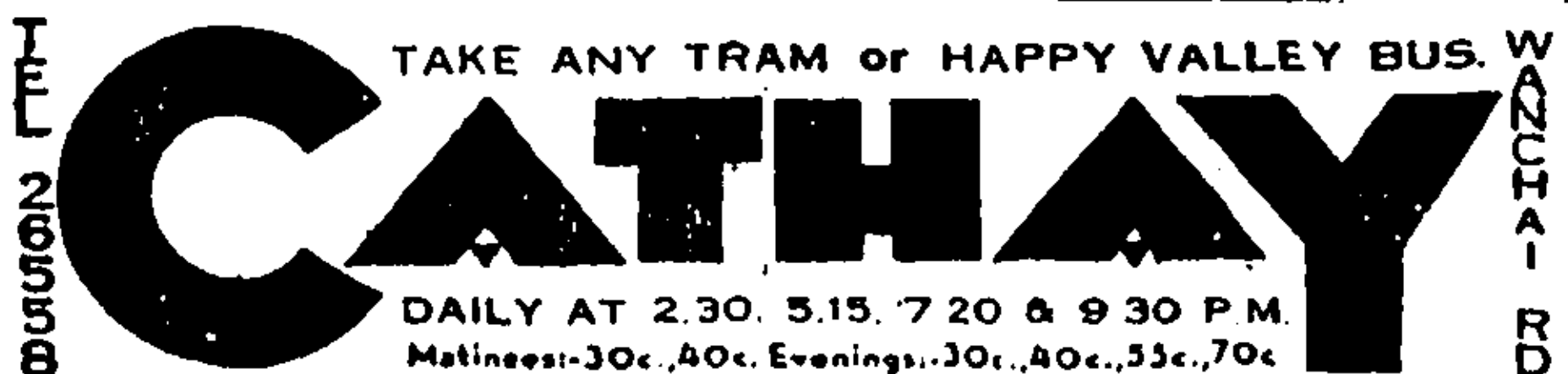
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England's Most Popular Best Seller, the Air Ministry's Account of the great days between August 8th and October 31st, 1940, has been secured by the "China Mail" for publication in serial form. It tells the story of one of the greatest battles in history, the more dramatic as it was fought high in the clouds over the Southern coast of England. Here is the first instalment of

THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

The Official Account

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The Scene Is Set

On Tuesday 20th August 1940, at 3.52 p.m. the Prime Minister gave the House of Commons one of those periodic reviews on the progress of the war with which members in particular and the country in general have grown familiar. The occasion was grave. On the 8th August the Germans, after a period of activity against our shipping which had lasted for somewhat longer than a month, had launched upon this is and the first of a series of mass air attacks in daylight. For some ten days and notably on the 15th and the 18th, men and women in the streets of English towns and villages and in the countryside, had seen, high up against the background of the summer sky, the shift and play of aircraft engaged in that fierce and prolonged combat which has come to be known as "The Battle of Britain."

The House was crowded. Its mood was one of anxious enthusiasm, but enthusiasm waxed and waned as the Prime Minister proceeded to describe the swiftly changing movements of the battle, the opening stages of which some members had themselves witnessed.

After referring to the work and achievements of the Royal Navy, Mr. Winston Churchill turned to the war in the air. "The gratitude of every home in our island," he said, "in our Empire and, indeed, throughout the world, except in the abodes of the guilty, goes out to British airmen who, undaunted by odds, unwearied in their constant challenge and mortal danger, are turning the tide of the world war by their prowess and by their devotion. Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

The Prime Minister was speaking at the moment when the battle was still at its height, for it was not until the end of October that the German Luftwaffe virtually abandoned its attacks by day light and began to rely entirely on the policy of night raiding—its tacit admission of defeat.

First Great Battle In History

It is now possible to tell in great part the story of the action on which such high praise had been bestowed. Before doing so, however, it is worth while to recall the extraordinary nature of the battle. Nothing like it has ever been fought before in the history of mankind. It is true that aircraft frequently met in combat in the last war; but they did so in numbers very small when compared with those which were engaged above the fields of Kent and Sussex, the rolling country of Hampshire and Dorset, the flat lands of Essex and the sprawling mass of London. Moreover, from 1914 to 1918 fights took place either between individual aircraft or between small formations and an engagement in which more than a hundred aircraft on both sides were involved was rare, even in the later stages of the war. The issue was, in fact, decided not in the air, in which element the rival air forces played an important but secondary part, but by slow moving infantry in the heavy mud of Flanders and the Somme. It may be that the same thing, or something like it, will ultimately happen in the present war. Up to the moment, however, the first decisive encounter, between Great Britain and Germany, has taken place in the air and was fought three, four, five and, sometimes, more than six miles above the surface of the earth by some hundreds of aircraft, flying at speeds often in excess of 300 miles per hour. While this great battle was being fought day by day, men and women in this country went about

their business with very little idea of what was happening high up above their heads in the fields of the air. This battle was not shrouded in the majestic and terrible smoke of a land bombardment, with its roar of guns, its flash of shells, its fountains of erupting earth. There was no sound nor fury—only the pattern of white vapour trails, leisurely changing form and shape, traced by a number of tiny specks, scintillating like diamonds in the splendid sunlight. From very far away there broke out from time to time a chatter against the duller sound of engines. Yet, had that chatter not broken out, that remote sound would have changed, first to a roar and then to a fierce shriek punctuated by the crash of heavy bombs as bomber after bomber unloaded its cargo. In a few days the southern towns of England, the capital of the Empire itself, would have suffered the fate of Warsaw or Rotterdam. The contest may indeed be likened to a duel with rapiers fought by masters of the art of fence. In such an encounter thrusts and parries are so swift as to be often hard to perceive and the spectator realises that the fight is over only when the loser drops his point or falls defeated to the ground.

These Were The Weapons Used

Before we can understand the general strategy and tactics followed by both sides, something must be said of the weapons used. The Germans sought a decision by sending over five main types of bombers—Ju.87, Dive-bomber Ju.88, various types of Heinkel 111, Dornier 215, and Dornier 17. Ju.87 (Type B) was a two-seater Dive-bomber. It was an all-metal, low wing, cantilever monoplane armed with two fixed machine-guns, one in each wing and a movable machine-gun in the aft cockpit. When looked at from straight ahead, the wings had the shape of a very fat W. Its maximum speed in level flight was a trifle over 240 miles per hour. Ju.88 was also a Dive-bomber with a maximum speed of 317 miles per hour. Its crew and armament were similar to those of the Heinkel 111. The Heinkel 111 (mark V) was a low wing, all-metal, cantilever monoplane with two engines. It carried a crew of four and was armed with three movable machine-guns, one in the nose, one on the top of the fuselage and one in the streamlined "Blister" underneath. Its maximum speed was nearly 275 miles per hour. The Dornier 215 was a high wing, cantilever monoplane of all-metal construction with three movable machine-guns similarly placed to those of Heinkel 111K. Its maximum speed was about 312 miles per hour. It was a development of the Dornier 17, familiarly known as the "Flying Pencil". This aircraft was a mid wing cantilever monoplane. It was armed with two fixed forward-firing machine-guns in the fuselage, one movable gun in the floor and one on shielded mounting above the wings. Its maximum speed was about 310 miles per hour.

Variations and increases in armament were constantly made in all these aircraft which carried bombs intended to secure victory. These bombers were protected by fighters of which the Germans used two main types, Me.109 and Me.110. Me.109 in the form then used was a single seater fighter. It was a low-wing, all-metal, cantilever monoplane armed with cannon firing through the airscrew hub, four machine-guns and two more in troughs on the top of the engine cowling. Its maximum speed was a little more than 350 miles per hour. Its pilot was later protected by back-and-front armour of which the size and shape became standardised during the course of the battle. Me.110 was a two-seater fighter powered with two engines. It was an all-metal, low wing, cantilever monoplane with two fixed cannons and four fixed machine-guns to fire forward from the nose. It was much larger than Me.109 but had not got the same capacity of manoeuvre. Its maximum speed did not exceed 365 miles per hour. In this aircraft the crew were protected by back armour only. The Germans also used a few Heinkel 113s. This was a low wing, all-metal, cantilever monoplane with single engine. A cannon fired through the airscrew hub and there were two large-bore machine-guns in the wings. The maximum speed was about 380 miles per hour.

To combat this formidable array of fighters and bombers, which Goering had boasted were "definitely superior" to any British aircraft, the Royal Air Force used Spitfire, Hurricane and, occasionally, Boulton Paul Defiant. The Spitfire Mark I was a single seater fighter with a Rolls Royce Merlin engine. It was a low wing, all-metal, cantilever monoplane armed with eight Browning machine-guns, four in each wing, set to fire forward outside the airscrew disc. The maximum speed was 366 miles per hour. The Hawker Hurricane (Mark I) was also a single-seater fighter similarly engined and armed. Its maximum speed was 335 miles per hour. In both these aircraft the pilot was protected by front-and-back armour. The Boulton Paul Defiant was a two-seater fighter with a Rolls Royce engine. It was an all-metal, low-wing, cantilever monoplane and armed with four Browning machine-guns mounted in a power-operated turret.

British Fighter Force On Guard

With such machines as these, the Royal Air Force and Luftwaffe faced each other on 8th August when the battle began.

Before describing it, something must first be said on our methods of defence, although it is not easy to do this without giving away "State Secrets".

The governing principle is that sufficient strength of fighters must assemble at the required height above a given place where it can intercept the oncoming enemy raid and break it up before it can reach its objective.

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The Battle Of Britain

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There is general agreement that the principle of employing standing patrols is impracticable owing to its wastefulness. To keep a sufficient strength of fighters always in the air to guard our shores from any attack would be beyond the powers of the biggest Air Force imaginable. The fighter forces, therefore, are kept on the ground in the interests of economy of effort and only ordered off the ground when raids appear to be imminent.

Information regarding the approach of the enemy is obtained by a variety of methods and co-ordinated and passed to "Operations Rooms."

The coastline of Great Britain is divided into sectors, each with its own fighter aerodromes and headquarters. These sectors are grouped together under conveniently situated Group Headquarters which, in their turn, come under the general control of Headquarters Fighter Command. Information on enemy raids is illustrated by various symbols on a large map table in Group and Sector Operations Rooms, the aim being to give each "Controller" the same picture of the progress of raids in his particular area. In addition to this, Controllers have all possible information set out before them such as location and "state" of their own squadrons, the weather and cloud conditions all above their area. They are also in touch with Anti-Aircraft defences and Balloon Barrages.

The squadrons are maintained at their sector aerodromes at various "states of preparedness." The most relaxed state is "released" which means the squadron is not required to operate until a specified hour and that the personnel can be employed on routine maintenance, flying training and instruction, organised games and that, in some cases, they may leave the station. Next comes "Available" which means the squadrons must prepare to be in the air within so many minutes of receiving the order. "Readiness" reduces this to a minimum and is the most advanced state normally used. Occasionally "Stand By" is employed which means that pilots are seated in their aircraft, with engines "off" but all pointing into wind, ready to start up and take off the moment the Leader gets his orders from the Controller.

In good weather conditions and when there is reason to anticipate an attack squadrons are perforce kept at a high state of "preparedness" which is relaxed as much as possible when the weather deteriorates. The broad principles are usually to keep one part of the Force at "Readiness," a second part at "Advanced Available" and a third at "Normal Available." When an attack develops "Readiness" Squadrons are ordered off in appropriate formations and "Available" Squadrons are ordered to "Readiness" and used as reserve to meet a second or third attack or protect

aerodromes or vulnerable points, such as aircraft factories.

These orders are issued by the Controller whose function it is to study the Operations Room Map and put a suitable number of aircraft into the air at selected points to intercept the oncoming raiders or to cover vulnerable points. His duty also is to keep constant watch on his resources so as to run no risk of being caught by a third or fourth wave of raiders with all his squadrons on the ground "landed and refuelling." It must be remembered that the endurance of modern fighter aircraft if it is to have ample margin for full throttle work, climbing and fighting is limited. Allowance must also be made for the journey back to the parent stations, especially if visibility is bad.

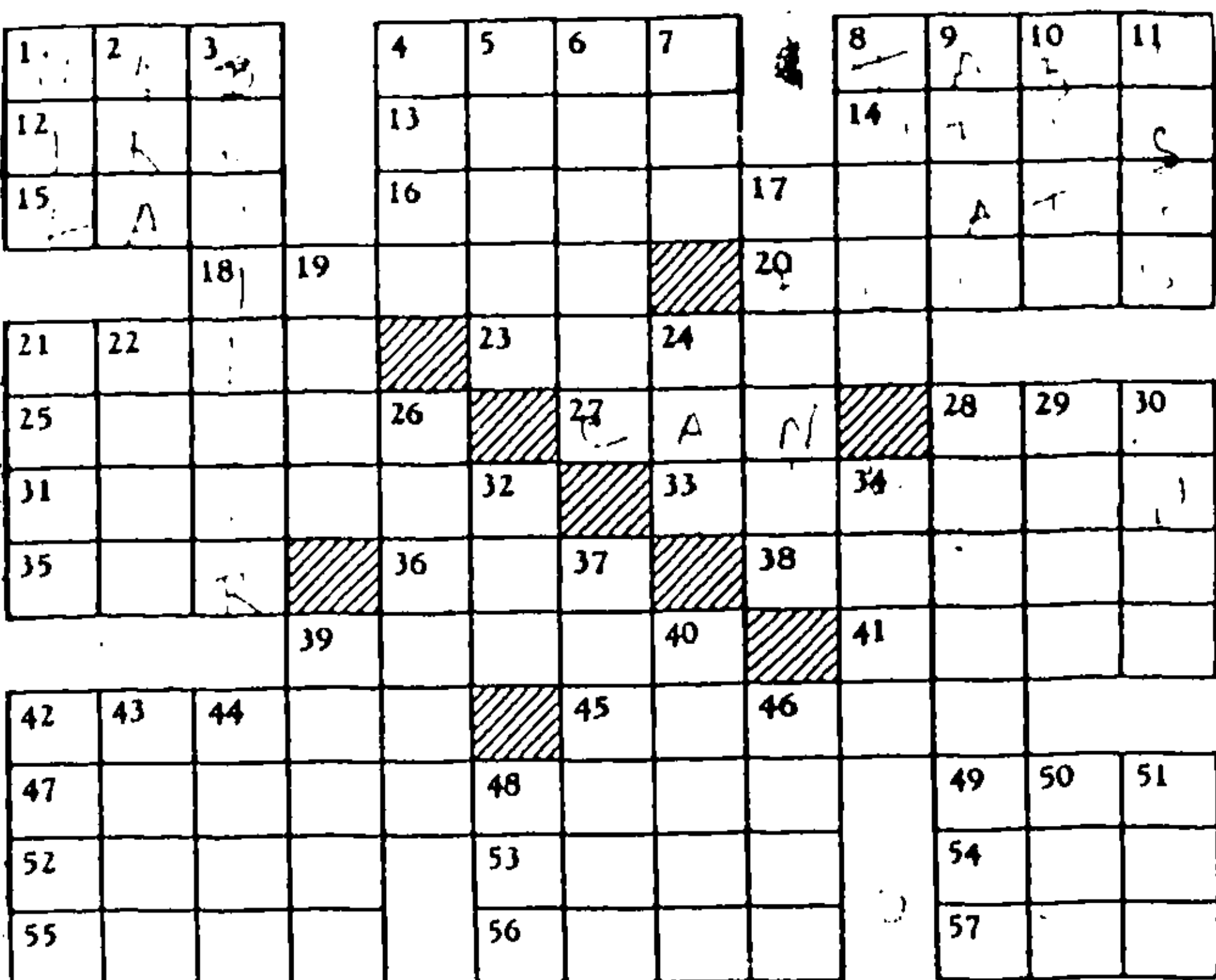
With the tracks of the enemy raid and of his own fighters both before his eyes, the Controller's task of making an interception is in theory a comparatively simple mathematical problem. He is in constant touch with his fighters by radio telephone, and is able to give them orders to change course from time to time so as to put them in the best position for attack.

Once the fighters report that they have "sighted enemy" the Controller's task is over, except that he may have to give them a course to bring them back to their aerodromes when the battle is over. "Enemy sighted" signal the "Tallyho" is at once transmitted to Group Headquarters and recorded on the Squadron state indicator. A red-letter day for any group was the 27th September, when, in number eleven Group, 21 Squadrons out of 21 ordered up were able to report "Enemy Sighted." But the successful interception of raids is not always so easy. In practice exercises before the war 30 per cent interception was thought satisfactory and 50 per cent very good. When the test came, however, the percentages rose to 75, 90 and, sometimes, 100. This consistently high rate of interception made it possible for our superiority in pilots and aircraft to achieve its full effect.

The task of the Controller in setting the stage for battles is governed by one factor—accurate and timely information of raids. In clear weather, with little or no cloud, the raiders came over at such a high altitude that they were almost invisible, even with the use of binoculars. The number of aircraft employed made a confusion of noise in the high atmosphere and thus increased the difficulty of detecting raids by sound. In cloudy weather this difficulty was increased, for the Observer Corps had there to rely entirely on sound. In view of these difficulties, that Corps and other sources of information deserve very great credit for the remarkably clear and timely picture of the situation which they presented to the Controllers. These then were the set pieces on the wide chessboard of English skies and made opening moves in a contest on the outcome of which the safety of all free peoples depended. Flexibility was their motto. Each day the Controllers held a conference at which every idea or device for thinking and acting

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OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD

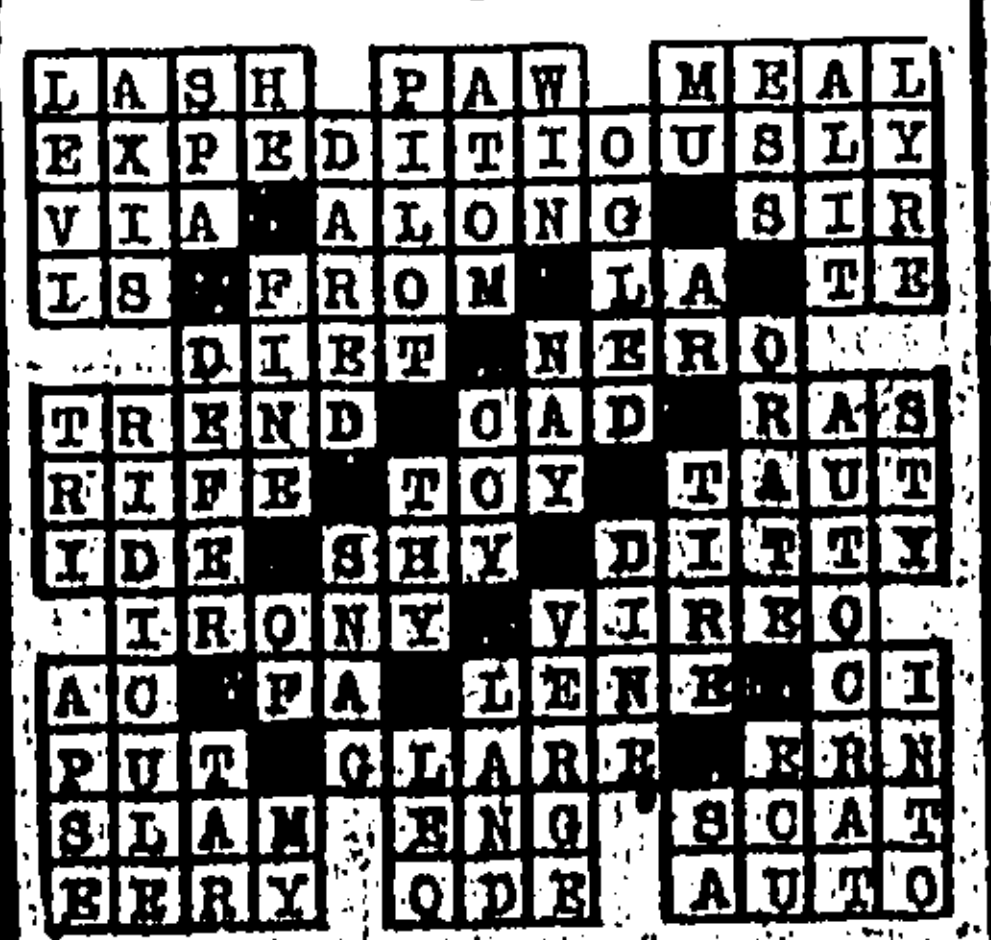


HORIZONTAL
1 Pen-point
2 Stride
3 Forbidden
4 Anger
5 Ox of Celebes
6 Part of the eye
7 Regulation
8 To bring about
9 The Mohammedan religion
10 Leases
11 Genus of sunfish
12 Large gland
13 Strangely
14 Is able to
15 Preposition
16 Colloquial: to vacillate
17 Reaping implement
18 To be mistaken
19 Illumined
20 Hue
21 Loud, brazen sound
22 Daybreak
23 Old Portuguese coin
24 Moslem daily

47 In the intervening time
49 To be obliged to
52 Eager
53 Solar disc
54 Month
55 Total of a haul of fish
56 Sort
57 Yes

VERTICAL
1 Nothing
2 Period of time
3 To confuse
4 Bucket
5 Year's record
6 Vast
7 To consume
8 Carnivorous mammal
9 Isles off Eire
10 Vertical timber on a ship's deck
11 Employs
12 Peaceful
13 Sodium chloride
14 Speck
15 River in Germany
16 Duct
17 Xanthic
18 'Sooner' state
19 To run
20 Flowerless plant
21 Inlet
22 Finale of a fugue
23 Characteristics
24 Ties
25 Feminine name
26 Moslem prayer leader
27 Glacial snow
28 Raised platform
29 Smooth
30 Scotch: to have
31 Manner
32 To stare at

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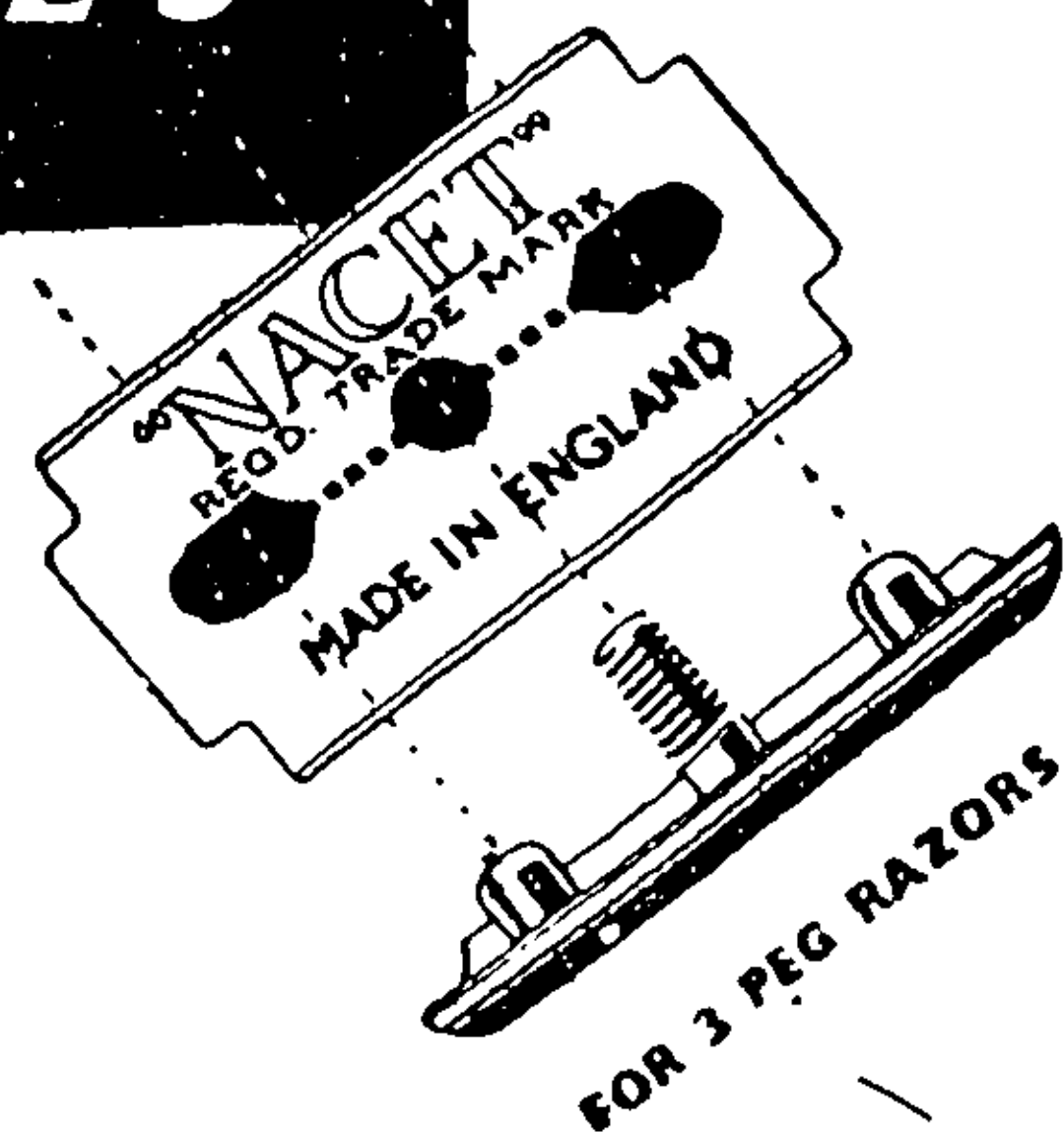
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ALLEGED OVERCHARGE CLAIM FAILS

WRITTEN JUDGMENT was delivered by Mr. Justice Cressall this morning, giving his reasons for his decision last Thursday, when he gave judgment with costs for the Shun Cheong Steamship Company, represented by Mr. D. McCallum, who were defendants in a claim for \$535.22 by the Tai Hing-lan firm claiming return of freight alleged to have been overcharged by defendants on 592 bales of cassia from Kwongchowwan.

Plaintiffs were represented by Mr. F. I. Zimmern. Mr. Justice Cressall said:— The facts proved or admitted are as follow:—

The plaintiff firm are general importers of merchandise, the defendants being the agents for the owners of the s.s. "Tai Boa Shek." On or about 7/2/41 the steamer loaded cargo at Kwongchow Wan and there was put on board at that port by the Tai Wau-wing Firm 592 bales of cassia consigned to the plaintiffs in Hong Kong. The usual mate's receipt was signed on behalf of the ship and a Bill of Lading was made out, one copy being given to the representative of the shipper, and one retained by the ship's authorities for delivery to the plaintiffs.

The steamer arrived at Hong Kwong on February 9 and the plaintiff firm having been notified took delivery of the goods by paying the amount of freight charged i.e. \$1,764.72. Subsequently the plaintiff firm protested to the defendants as to the amount, alleging that the bales of cassia had been wrongly measured. The defendants replied denying the allegation.

On March 4, a firm of marine surveyors, at the request of the plaintiffs, measured 592 bales of cassia then lying in godowns of the plaintiff company and found that the total measurements were 2,475 cubic feet as against the 3,749 cubic feet on which the freight had been charged.

The plaintiffs thereupon brought the present action for the recovery of what they allege was overcharged them.

Now, before dealing with the case as a whole, it may be convenient to state at the outset what the term "freight" is generally understood to mean. Freight is the reward payable to the carrier for the safe carriage and delivery of goods; it arises on a contract for the conveyance of merchandise, and is in its nature an entire contract, so that, as a general rule, nothing can be demanded for freight until the contract is completed by the delivery of the goods at the place of destination.

Plaintiff's Case

If, therefore, a person receives goods from on board a ship, which are shipped to the shipper's order, he makes himself by acceptance of the goods liable to all the terms of the Bill of Lading. This is well settled law and I do not think the solicitor for the plaintiffs disputes the fact that this is so.

His argument, as I understand it, is based on the ground that his clients' contract with the defendant firm is nothing to do with the original contract entered into by the shippers at Kwongchowwan but is an implied contract which arose at Hong Kong when delivery of the goods took place.

In other words, his contention is that the receipt of the goods by the consignee amounts to evidence of a new contract, distinct from the contract of carriage entered into by the shipper, whereby the consignee, in consideration of the ship owner giving up his lien on the goods, agrees to pay the freight. This principle has been laid down in a series of familiar decisions and no objection can be taken to it, but as was held in *Allen v. Coltart* (1883) 11 O.B.D. 782 it is a question of fact, to be determined by reference to the circumstances of the particular case, whether this contract exists or not.

Now, what are the circumstances of the case under review?

It is clear, and indeed not disputed by the plaintiffs, that the Tai Wau-wing firm of Kwongchowwan were at all material times the agents of the plaintiffs. That they (the Tai Wau-wing firm) in the ordinary course of their business as agents, engaged cargo space on the steamer and put the goods on board on f.o.b. terms. That the goods were the property of the plaintiffs at the time they were put on board and

remained their property when delivery took place at Hong Kong. That their agents signed the bill of lading, which stipulated inter alia, that after the freight has been fixed the shipper is not allowed to pay less for the same.

Principal Bound

Now it has been suggested by the plaintiffs that their agents were not authorized to purchase cargo space on their behalf and that their sole duty was to put the goods on board.

I cannot accept this contention and I find as a fact that the Tai Wau-wing Firm were at all material times the duly authorized agents of the plaintiffs and that in accepting the terms and conditions of the bill of lading they bound their principals, i.e. the plaintiffs, to the contract of carriage entered into with the steamship company. That being so they cannot now protest that they were overcharged. The time for protesting was when the cargo space was engaged and when the measurement took place at Kwongchowwan.

For these reasons I hold that the plaintiffs have failed to make out their claim and there must be judgment for the defendants with costs.

120,000 TROOPS IN MALAYA

TRAVELLERS FROM SINGAPORE ARRIVING IN SAIGON ESTIMATED THE TOTAL ARMED FORCE OF MALAYA REACHED 120,000 TROOPS. REINFORCEMENTS ARE ARRIVING DAILY FROM INDIA AND AUSTRALIA, THEY SAID.

The travellers also reported the first contingent of 10,000 British troops have landed on Sarawak, Borneo, placing British Tommies within 100 miles of the Philippines.

(Two American made flying boats, flown from San Francisco to Manila by American pilots, have been delivered to British authorities, presumably those at Manila now. Other American ships, have been sent to Singapore by steamer.)—Associated Press.

B.W.O.F. DONATIONS

Following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund, Hong Kong Branch: Previously Acknowledged £100: \$701,804.45; Miss M. L. Whitley (Monthly) \$50; Quarry Bay Working Party \$9.50; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Horden (Monthly) \$10; The Kowloon Cricket Club—Being part proceeds of Entertainment "Boy Meets Girl" \$400; E. Lloyd Jones (Monthly) \$10; Hancock (Monthly) \$25; Dr. K. W. Chaun (Monthly) \$30; In Memory of T. H. Hynes—Mrs. Angus and Sons \$20; In Memory of T. H. Hynes—Mrs. and Mrs. W. C. Shewan \$10; Anonymous (Monthly) \$5; and Analysts Government Laboratories — April \$77. Total \$702,450.95.

SCHOOL FEES UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The S.M.C. Education Board has raised school fees in all Municipal schools in Shanghai from September 1.—International News Service.

BLIND PEOPLE GO SIGHTSEEING BY 'PLANE

A "sightseeing" tour in a 'plane flight over Salt Lake City, Utah, was carried out for twenty blind residents.

Before they took off, the party was allowed to spend an hour going all over the 'plane, feeling the different parts. Each of the gadgets was described to them.

As they passed over the city the views were described to the blind passengers. They said the flights had been a "thrill." Only one passenger complained. He wanted a few more bumps "just for realism."

LOVE UNDER WAAF GUARD

Due to meet her boy-friend on a Saturday night, a W.A.A.F. given seven days' C. B. the previous day was allowed to start the term on the Sunday.

But the officer to whom she made the request sent a corporal along with her as escort.

"What a sell!" says the W.A.A.F. "We took her with us all the evening, then she escorted me home."

"The boy friend rather put his foot in it by suggesting that I might have given him some warning and he would have brought a corporal along to make it a foursome!"

The W.A.A.F.'s offence was showing a light in the black-out.

SO ROME SAYS

ITALY HAS LOST A TOTAL OF 212,641 MEN, INCLUDING DEAD, WOUNDED AND MISSING, SINCE HER ENTRY INTO THE WAR, THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGED.

Of this total, 20,251 were dead; 50,413 wounded and 141,977 missing.

April casualties, including the Balkan and African campaigns and some previously unreported losses, totalled 5,884 killed and 17,986 wounded, a recent announcement said. — Associated Press.

THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT

Convicted on the charge of loitering on the staircase of No. 200, Prince Edward Road, residence of Sgt. F. Roberts, two Chinese were sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

One of the accused had nine previous conviction and the other 10.

OPIUM FRAUD

Chau Tong 34, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, with attempting to obtain \$8 by false pretences.

It was alleged that defendant offered two tubes of "Government opium" to Chan Lam yesterday, for \$8. The tubes were found to contain other substances.

Defendant was remanded for further enquiries.

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SHIPS TO WIN THE WAR

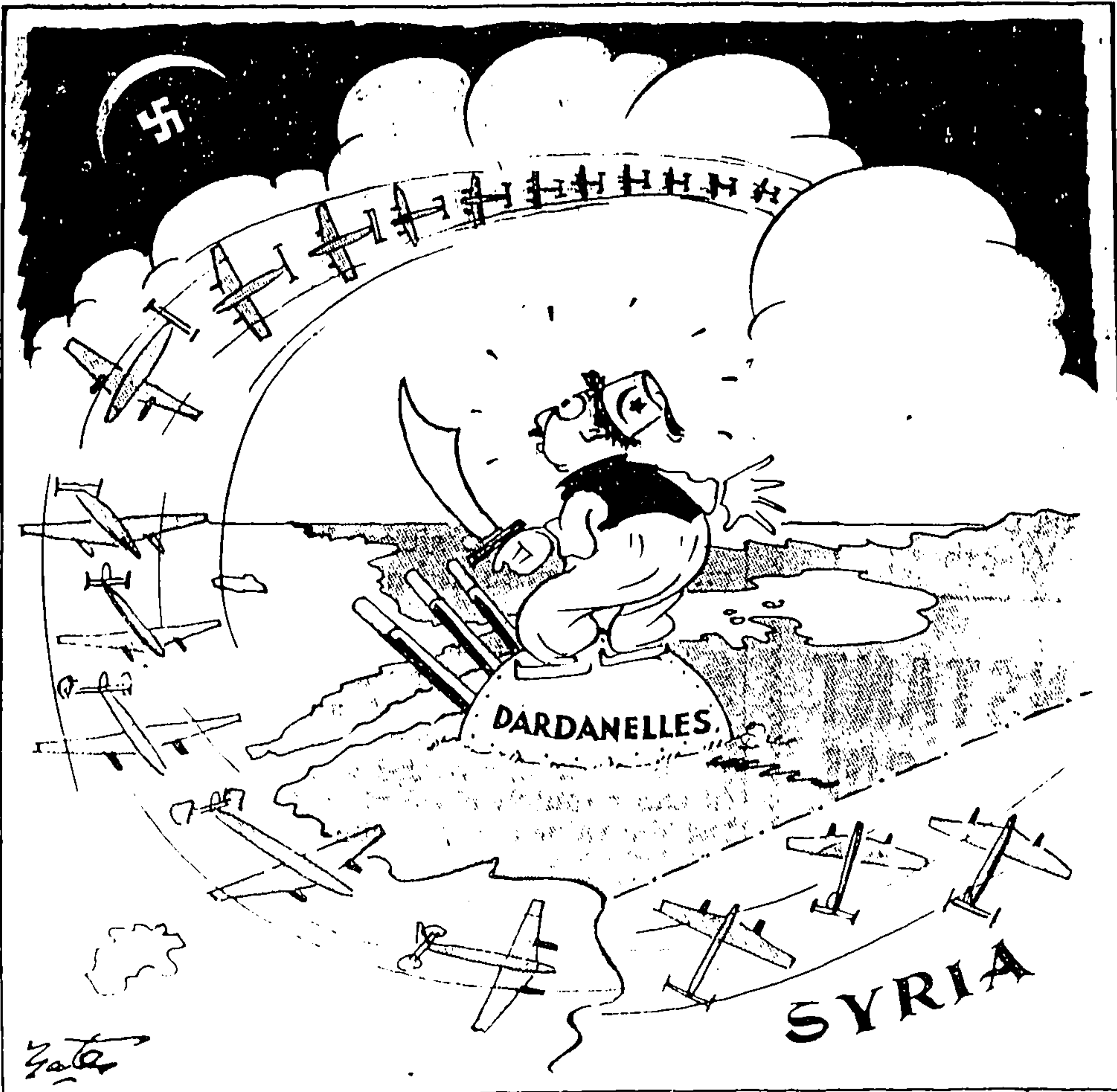
President Roosevelt's order to the Maritime Commission to assemble a pool of 2,000,000 tons of existing shipping to speed the flow of vital war materials to Britain recognises that the most critical battle of the war is the battle of the Atlantic.

The programme, as the President said, falls into two parts. One is the transfer of ships to British registry for use in the combat zone. The other the reallocation of ships in such a way as to obtain maximum efficiency from their use. Presumably the transfer of ships for use in the Atlantic service will make use of the foreign vessels now in American ports, including the sixty-nine Danish, Italian and German ships recently seized, as well as French and other ships that have taken refuge. The balance of the 2,000,000 tons is to be obtained by withdrawing vessels from intercoastal routes, using Army and Navy auxiliary vessels, commissioning what remains of the laid-up fleets of United States merchant ships and, possibly, diverting some Great Lakes carriers to the coastal and intercoastal trade.

Plainly the programme is not merely intended to provide more tonnage but to obtain the maximum of effective use of the tonnage that is available. To achieve this it must go beyond strictly maritime limits.

The highest efficiency in the use of available shipping requires that the flow of war materials by land from their points of origin to the docks must be co-ordinated with the movement of ships. Supplies must move quickly and smoothly to the harbours so as to avoid delays in the loading and congestion at shipping points. They should be routed to those harbours which make possible the shortest ocean passage, even if this means longer and more expensive movement by rail. No ship should be allowed to sail without a full cargo; no ship should be kept waiting for its cargo to be assembled; no ship should be permitted to waste time in going to distant ports if its cargo can be brought alongside in ports closer to the ultimate destination.

The principal weakness of America's entire defence effort to date has



"WHAT THE STARS FORETELL"

Awakening At Last

By Joseph Alsop And Robert Kintner
in the N.Y. "Herald Tribune."

The beginnings of an atmospheric change as important as that which led to the lease-lend law are now clearly perceptible in Washington. In the period between the lease-lend law's enactment and the Balkan tragedy, even the boldest members of the Administration tended to regard American aid for Britain with considerable complacency. Enough was being done, was the attitude; and when more was required, more would be done. Now, however, this complacency has vanished like mist on a hot morning.

It has been dispelled by a deeply significant new note in reports from Britain in recent weeks—a note of doubt of Britain's power to resist indefinitely without far more substantial help than is now being given.

The note has been struck by a half dozen returning observers, both official and unofficial, but all extremely competent. One school, best represented by the brilliant president of Harvard, James Bryant Conant, does not question the resilience of British

been insufficient co-ordination among the various elements. Shipping is the most critical phase of the effort to win this war. It is the one field, above all others, where desperate shortage and urgent need permit no inefficiency or lack of co-ordination to be tolerated. The President has taken an excellent step in providing for the mobilisation of a 2,000,000-ton pool of ships. It is earnestly to be hoped that he will follow this by establishing a unified authority, in close liaison with the British Government, to co-ordinate the entire movement on both land and sea of the freight traffic essential to defence and to the winning of the battle of the Atlantic.

morale, but argues that Britain's brute strength will soon be exhausted if no greater help comes. President Conant's mission of exchanging scientific information with the British gave him wide and easy access in London. He is understood to have told members of the Administration here that this country had only a few months, probably until the end of summer at the outside—to decide whether to "put up or shut up."

Hopes Pinned

A second school, centred in the War Department, affirms the magnificence of the British people's courage, but points out that the well-spring of courage is hope, and that Britain's hopes have been pinned on the United States for many months. If these hopes are disappointed, the second school says, the worst can easily happen. The British leaders may refuse to sustain a suicidal war. The British war effort may falter from internal weakness. However it happens, the end will be a negotiated peace, leaving Germany the strongest nation in the world, with Britain exhausted and subservient, and the United States standing alone.

This is not defeatism of the Lindbergh sort. Not one of the men whose reports have caused such disquiet here questions for an instant that the war can be won if Britain and the United States will stand together as fighting partners. Nor is it a call for a large American expeditionary force. It is simply a hard-headed assessment of the pressing need for bold and decisive American action to meet such problems as that of the Atlantic, that of North Africa, and that of the Far East.

Situation Critical

The Mediterranean—North African situation is the best case in point. At present, the state of affairs is critical. After the Balkan disaster, Turkey has turned soggy, and may give German forces the right of transit to attack the oil fields of Iraq. The Russians, whose pressure Turkey can hardly resist, have just signed a pact with Japan at Germany's direction. A chunk of Persia was always to be one of their rewards for adherence to the Axis, and the Russo-Persian border is now reported closed. Iraq itself, although British troops have landed, is still in the hands of a pro-German government.

In Egypt, the British Mediterranean base, the British are fighting a campaign against a numerically superior German-Italian force. In French North Africa, Weygand's position has already been seriously undermined. German agents are in virtually full control of Casa Blanca. In Spain, Gen. Franco is resisting German demands against odds. And in France there are signs that the Vichy regime may be preparing for a final surrender.

This is painting the picture purposely as dark as it can be made. Actually, our military experts give the British better than an even chance to meet the danger in the Mediterranean. But the point is that the Mediterranean may go. American policy must be calculated on that possibility. The possibility means, in turn, that Germans may obtain supplies, including oil, for a very long war. And the effect of such a prospect on British strength and British morale can easily be understood.

Tipping The Scale

Pitifully little active assistance from this country would have restored the balance in the Mediterranean, preventing all but the comparatively meaningless Balkan tragedy, which would be far from effects on the will to resist in other countries. Pitifully little active assistance would restore the balance now. It is the same most of the major war situations. In each case the margin is slight between successful resistance and defeat. But in each case, because this country will not cover the margin, defeat comes in the end.

In Britain, the men responsible for their country's present plight have merely been put into a sort of Coventry. The worst that Sir John Simon, Sir Horace Wilson and their sort have had to face is a few veiled or open insults when they appear in public. But those American leaders who are now doing all in their power to prevent the crucial margin from being covered had best remember that the temper of our people is not so easy, polite and forgiving as that of the British. They had best ask themselves, "When we stand, isolated and at bay, in a world whose masters are our enemies, shall I be held to blame? And if I am, how shall I save my skin?"

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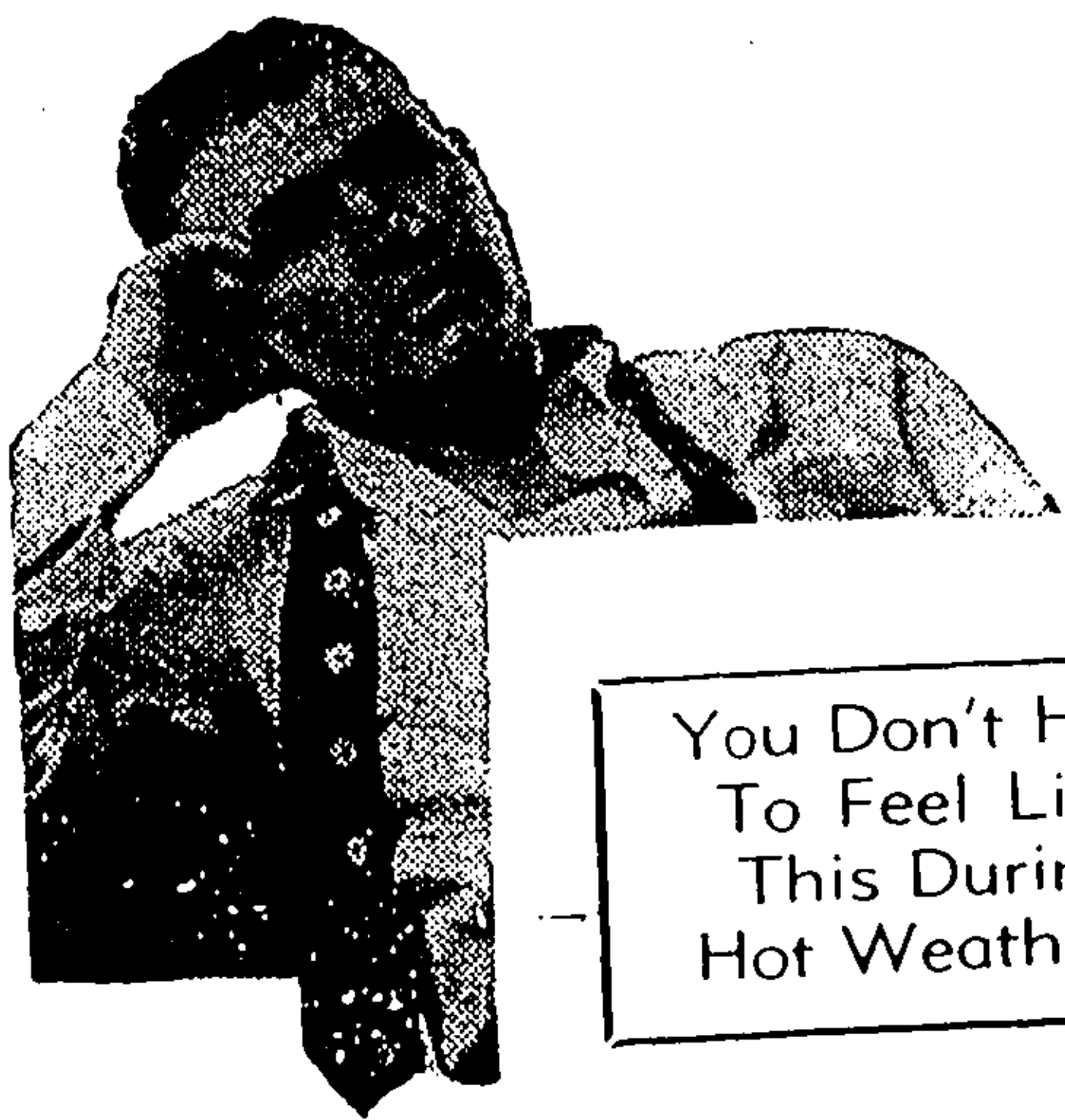
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GOEBBELS AT LAST SETTLES ON ONE STORY FOR RUDY HESS

A FULL REPORT of all statements made by Rudolf Hess since his landing by parachute in Scotland has been sent to the Prime Minister.

The examination of Hess has been carried out in German and a translation has been prepared. Contents of the report are being kept a close secret.

Everything recorded is being carefully examined and minutely checked by Intelligence officers to test the value and reliability of Hess's statements.

While the German radio, for the home audience, still keeps silence, Goebbels appears at last to have decided on the version of the affair that he is going to hand out for foreign consumption.

This version, which contradicts Goebbels' previous accounts, is given in a talk by Dr. Gerhardt Dohm to Portugal.

Contradicting the original official communiqué on Hess, he said: "Hess is not a man of confused ideas. He was not a victim of hallucination."

"He was a fanatical idealist who believed he could persuade England to make peace and prevent a break up of the British Empire and elimination of the English nation."

Dohm further denied that Hitler had appointed Hess his successor in his speech of September 1, 1939.

"Now Closed"

For this and other reasons it is clear why the German radio dare not give this account of the matter to their home listeners.

Next point in Dohm's talk is that the incident is now closed. "One cannot speak," he said, "of any shock among the German people. This is proved by the fact that the affair is no longer discussed."

That, in fact, the German authorities know the matter is by no means closed is shown by their attempts to discount in advance Hess's statement.

Hess's Knowledge

Thus a German commentator, speaking to South America, said: "We can expect sensational statements which the English radio will attribute to Hess. But you should all remember his status as a prisoner of war and that his declarations cannot be tested."

In fact, as head of an organisation with agents everywhere, Hess knew more than anyone else of the condition of the Nazi party, and as Hitler's confidant he was bound to be well acquainted with Germany's plans.—British Wireless.

INTRUDER LEAPS FROM VERANDAH

DISTURBED BY THE OCCUPANTS, A LOITERER JUMPED FROM THE FIRST FLOOR OF NO. 2, BOWRING STREET, AND AS RESULT OF THE INJURIES SUSTAINED HE WAS DETAINED FOR TWO DAYS IN THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

This morning the man, Chan Kin-lam, 28, unemployed, was charged before Mr. H. C. Macnamara, with being found in a dwelling house for an unlawful purpose.

Sgt. J. Ferrier said that about 3.35 a.m. on Thursday a woman occupant of the house saw accused walking in the passage way. She raised an alarm and defendant disappeared in the direction of the verandah.

Later another occupant saw a man lying in the street.

Defendant admitted two previous convictions and was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

TO BE HEARD ON THURSDAY

The case of Capt. W. H. P. Chattey, who is charged with a serious offence, was to-day fixed for hearing at the Supreme Court on Thursday morning.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada is appearing for the defence, and his application this morning for a special jury was granted.

HUGE FIRE STARTED IN COLOGNE

The weather was not altogether favourable either on Saturday night or the previous night for the bombing of industrial districts of Cologne carried out by strong R.A.F. forces.

Reports by crews which operated on Saturday night, however, show how concentrated and violent was the attack. All crews are enthusiastic about the results.

They had scarcely begun to bomb before large fires sprang up to meet the constant rain of bombs which continued to fall.

There was one particularly large fire in which many buildings were ablaze.

As our aircraft continued to come in to drop their loads the crews saw the fire extend its limits.—British Wireless.

AIR LOSSES SCORE

AXIS AIRCRAFT LOSSES IN THE WEEK ENDING AT DUSK ON SATURDAY TOTALLED 111, AGAINST 38 R.A.F.

Over Britain and round the British coasts the Germans lost 68 and the R.A.F. three. Over Germany and German-occupied territory the Germans lost eight and the R.A.F. 21.

In the Middle-East Axis losses were 13 in the air and 22 on the ground while the R.A.F. lost 14.

The Navy meanwhile announced that 16 enemy aircraft were destroyed by H.M. ships in the Mediterranean between May 6 and 12, one was destroyed by an H.M. ship on May 14 and one now confirmed on May 4.—British Wireless.

GERMANS RETAKE HEIGHTS ABOVE SOLLUM

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent With

Advanced British forces near Sollum)

THE GERMANS HAVE REGAINED SOME OF THE POSITIONS THE BRITISH CAPTURED ON THURSDAY.

They succeeded in re-gathering the force which had been scattered by the daring British thrust and, employing infinitely heavier armed forces, they re-occupied the heights above Sollum.

A famous British regiment still holds positions in the coastal plain near Sollum, however.

The situation on top of the escarpment is not clear but it appears likely the Germans have been unable to recapture all their former positions, and it is said their present position leaves them vulnerable to attack on their right flank.—Reuter.

ROBBED CEMETERY

Lau Kiu-wai, 30, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with stealing flower pots and vases from the Mohammedan and Colonial Cemeteries. He was remanded until tomorrow.

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TIME FOR FINAL U.S. ACTION CLOSE AT HAND

ADDRESSING THE annual meeting of the American Council on Education on the subject of the war and the British universities, James B. Conant, President of Harvard University, said: "It would seem to me the time for final action by this country is close at hand." His audience was composed of representatives of practically all of the major national and regional associations in the country.

Dr. Conant, recently returned from England, was applauded when he expressed his conviction that "the English people will not make peace with Hitler" and again when he said: "I do not believe the American people will sit idly by with Hitler controlling the Atlantic Ocean and undermining our freedom in this hemisphere. It seems to be clear that in all likelihood the longer we delay in sending full aid against the Axis powers, the longer will be war, and the greater will be the ultimate misery for all mankind."

Dr. Conant, in describing the British precautions for preventing the wastage of skilled men said he wondered if the United States would do as well. He described the British programme under which the scientists of the country are mobilised for national service. Physicists, engineers, chemists and doctors are at work where they are most needed, he said. If men of these professions had been allowed to volunteer at the start, or had been drafted, the shortage to-day would be "serious indeed. One wonders whether we in the United States will be far-sighted enough to profit by the example."

British Plan Described

The British Government, he continued, developed the idea of "reserve occupation" before the war. The first schedule listed a thousand or more categories of employment which were regarded as essential to the defence of the country. These included a dozen or so categories involving university-trained men. To each category was assigned an age limit. Men above this age were "reserved"; that is, these men were only permitted to volunteer for restricted classifications of war services.

Some categories had no age limit; for example, all doctors were reserved; physicists were reserved above the age of 25; university and secondary school teachers above the same age, and chemists above 21. The result was an over-reservation in many occupations. Frequent modifications of the schedule since then have been made.

In many occupations the age limit is being raised, he said, since experience now shows that, on balance, the needs of the fighting services are more important for the national effort than the particular occupations in question. For example the age for teachers and university professors is being raised from the original of 25 to 35. On the other hand, the age limit on physicists who have proved of the utmost importance to "war work" has been lowered from 25 to 21.

Declaring that he had in no way altered his opinion that the U.S. should take all steps necessary to insure the defeat of the Axis powers, Dr. Conant said that since his return "I have been amazed to hear it argued by intelligent citizens of the United States that a negotiated peace between Great Britain and the Axis powers is a possibility."

TRAGEDY OF PANIC

The shrill whistle of an approaching train panicked a 59-year-old Chinese woman, Chan Fong, who was picking up bits of wood on the No. 7 Railway Bridge yesterday.

As a result, the woman apparently not looking in which direction she was fleeing, ran over the edge of the bridge. She died in the Kowloon Hospital a few hours afterwards.

HITLER CHECK ON FURTHER HESS-CAPADES

Hitler has banned his associates from travelling, even for private purposes, with the result that Goering has had to abandon a hunting trip which he had planned.

This is one of the consequences of Hess's flight, says the Stockholm correspondent of the Independent French Agency reporting the ban. — Reuter.

FATAL ACCIDENT

Driving in Sai Kung Road, Kowloon City, on Sunday, Private Durben, Royal Army Service Corps, knocked down a Chinese woman who darted into the road. The woman received fatal injuries.

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C. B. BROWN,
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BRIDGE SWINDLES By The Four Aces

The simple false-card is the most common Bridge swindle. For example:

South, Dealer

East-West vulnerable

♠ 10 9 8 4 3
♥ A J 7 6 5
♦ 6
♣ 4 2

♠ 7 6 2
♥ 10
♦ A K 10 4
♣ K 9 8 6 5

♠ A J 5
♥ 9 4
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ A J 7 5

W N
E S

K Q
K Q 8 3 2
Q 7 3 2
Q 10

The bidding:

South West North East
1♥ Pass 4♥ Pass

West led the King of diamonds, and South dropped his diamond seven without the slightest hesitation. Thereupon West went into a slight huddle.

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM

ACE... 3
KING... 2
QUEEN... 1
JACK... 0

TOTAL VALUE OF FOUR CARDS

East had three trumps to the Queen.

All shifts, therefore, were dangerous or so West thought. Then West thought of that large-looking five of diamonds which his partner had played on the first trick. Where were the three and two of diamonds? If East had either of those cards, the diamond five had been the beginning of a "come-on" signal — asking for a diamond continuation.

So West finally led a small diamond at the second trick, deceived by South's false-card of the seven of diamonds. South naturally discarded a club from the dummy and then easily made his contract. If West had shifted to any other suit, the defence could have taken four tricks without any trouble.

Saturday you were Howard Schenken's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 7 3
♥ A K 4
♦ K 9 5 2
♣ A K 6

The bidding:

Jacoby You Moler Schenken
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠
Pass 2NT Pass 3♠
Pass 4♠ Pass 5♠
Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid six spades. You are strong enough to accept this Slam invitation since you have full value for your bidding, including two Aces. Partner cannot have enough for a Grand Slam, so there is little point in bidding one of your Aces.

Score 100% for six spades, 80% for six clubs or six hearts, 60% for five no-trump, 20% for pass.

Question No. 719

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q J 10 8 4 2
♥ J 10 3
♦ A 4
♣ 7 5

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby Moler You
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠
Pass 2NT Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

INTERNEED ALIEN GAVE ORANGE

A girl in the Isle of Man was desperately ill. The only food she could take was a little orange juice, but not a shop in the island had an orange.

An appeal was made in a local newspaper and brought an immediate reply from an alien internment camp.

One of the internees heard of the appeal and remembered that he had an orange in his room.

JAPANESE DRIVE IN SHANSI

Ten days of heavy fighting in south Shansi resulted in the Japanese forces surrounding the Chinese on the north bank of the Yellow River in a wide semi-circle, with a 50-mile arc along the river, the ferries of which have been occupied by the Japanese.

In view of the vast extent of the area involved it is unlikely the Japanese can make the whole of the Chinese forces prisoner.

Well-informed sources in Peiping report that numerous Japanese hospital trains are passing north daily via the Kin-Han Railway carrying also hundreds of boxes of the usual ashes of cremated dead.

The Japanese officially admit using "considerable forces" which are reliably estimated at about 120,000, the Chinese forces totalling 180,000. Reuter

TWO R.N. TRAWLERS SUNK

The Admiralty announces that H.M. trawler *Susarion* and H.M. drifter *Uberty* have been sunk, says a British Wireless message.

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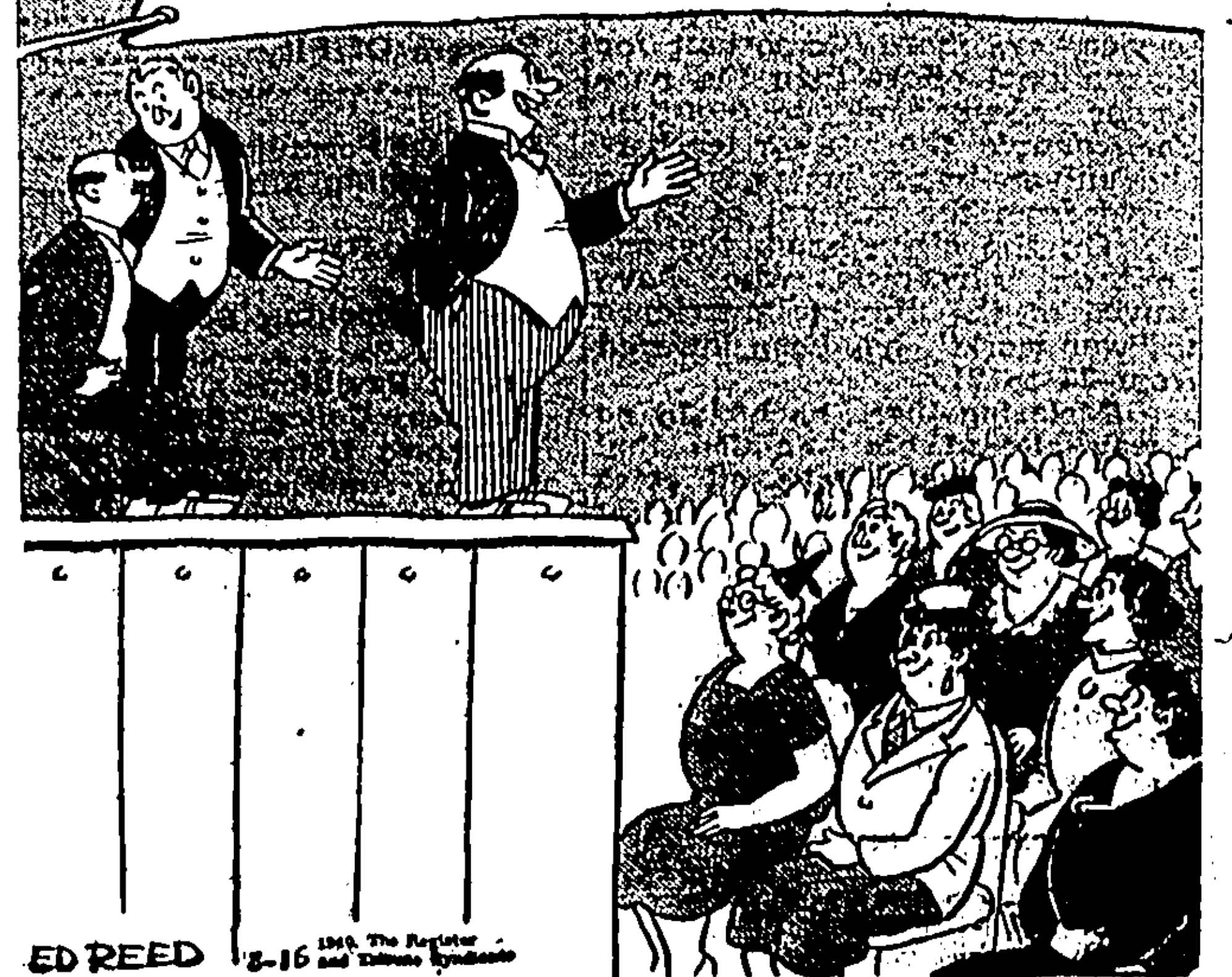
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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED

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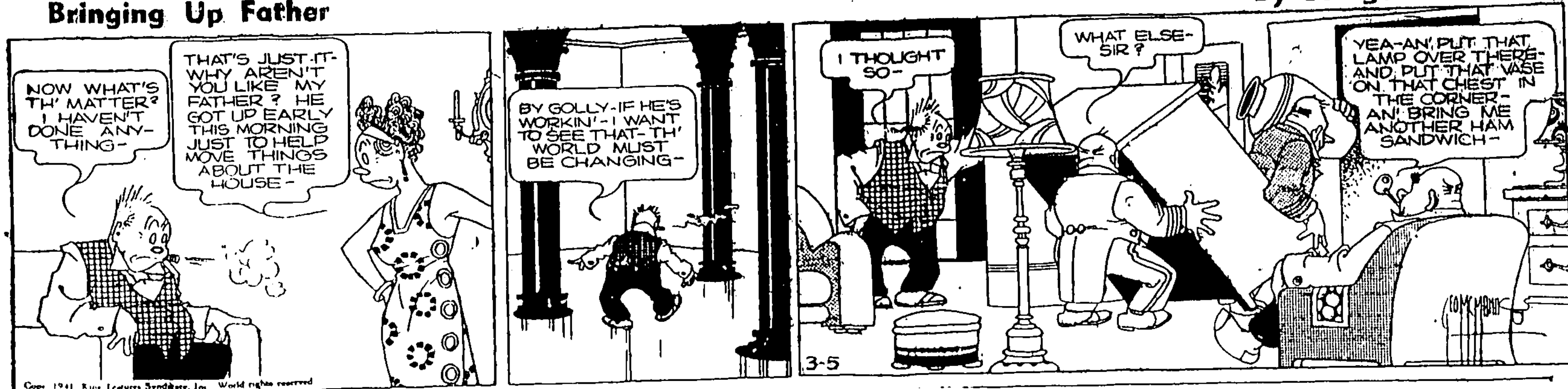
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Hot and Cold Foot Dunkings

If flowered hats and navy blue do not convince us that spring has arrived again then our feet will do the job. For feet in spring seem to want to burst from their shoe bindings to walk on the soft, fresh green turf. Foot aches and burnings are so common during this season that to day a column will be devoted entirely to suggestions for foot care.

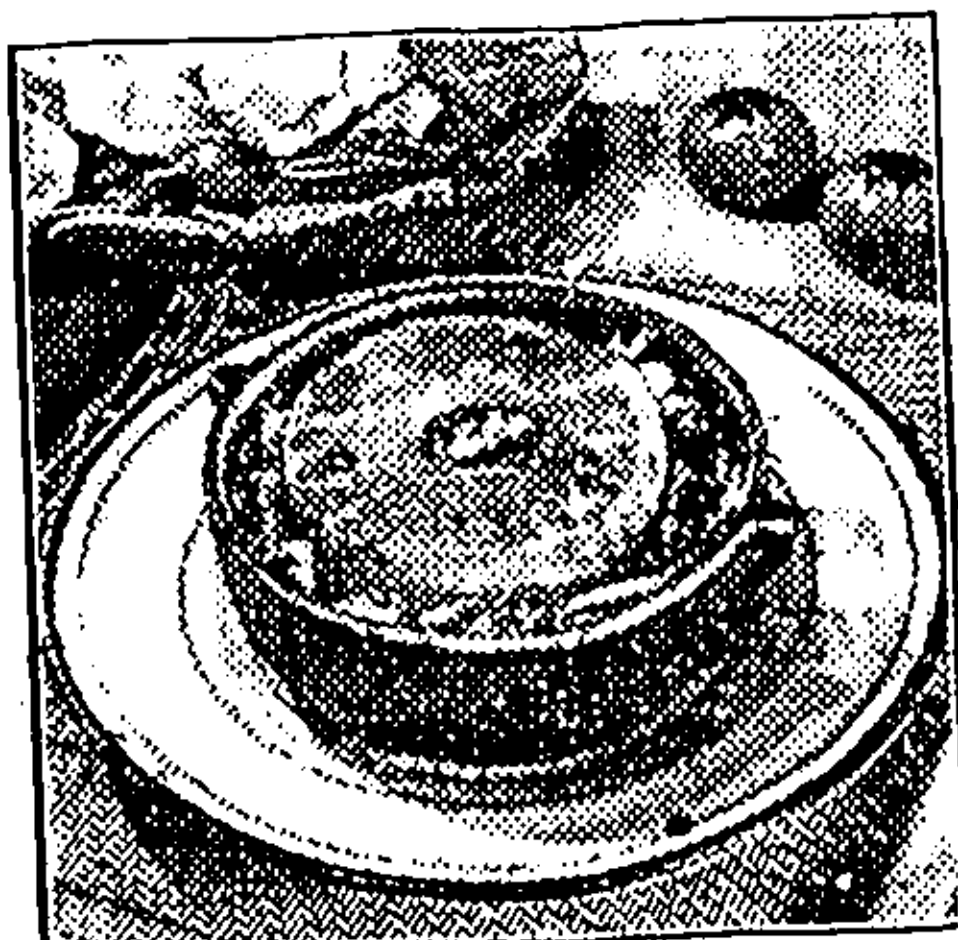
First of all it is a good idea to get your spring and summer shoes a width wider or a half size larger than your winter shoes. That allows a bit for normal foot expansion.

Never wear new hose with new shoes without first running the hose of their dressing. The friction caused by new leather insoles and the dressing in the hose can create a very uncomfortable turn. Also be certain that your hose are long enough—short hose restrict the action of the toes and cause a cramping. Synthetic hose seem to

Gumbo Casserole with PINEAPPLE TOP

by Dorothy Greig

MY jolly feather-pillow of an Aunt Annie was never so chuckling content as when passing on to us young ones her cooking lore. "To make a fine dish you do need good ingredients," she'd say. "But it's what you do with them that really counts."



This Gumbo Casserole always reminds me of that particular bit of Aunt Annie's philosophy. Its chief ingredients are chicken meat, a drift of hot snowy rice, tender pink ham, cut in small pieces. And we treat them handsomely... first, by blending in condensed chicken soup which spreads lovely chicken flavor through and through the dish. Then we finish with a topping of glazed pineapple and serve the casserole gently sizzling and fragrant right from the oven.

1 can condensed chicken gumbo soup
2 cups cooked rice
3/4 cup chicken, diced
1/2 cup ham, diced
3 tablespoons chopped pimiento
Cut the chicken and ham in 3/16 inch dice. Combine the cooked rice, diced chicken, diced ham and chopped pimiento. Then add the chicken gumbo soup. Mix together and put into a buttered casserole—either one large one or five individual casseroles. Serves 5.
Pineapple Ring Toppings:
6 slices pineapple
15 whole cloves
5 teaspoons brown sugar
5 teaspoons butter

Arrange the pineapple rings on the top of the rice mixture. On each pineapple ring:
1. sprinkle 1 teaspoon brown sugar
2. dot with 1 teaspoon butter
3. put in 3 whole cloves
Place the casseroles in a moderate (375° F.) oven for 15-25 minutes until thoroughly heated and pineapple rings are glazed.



To banish foot pain try alternating hot and cold dunkings as circulation pepper-uppers, and massage after with a good cream lotion. This handy waistline bottle doesn't slip, even though your hands are wet.

be more binding than the silk hose and many women are discovering that they require a size larger when they purchase synthetic weaves.

I take it for granted that all my steady readers give their feet a thorough pedicure once a week. That keeps toenails the proper length and shape and prevents any ingrown nail or hangnail, or callous from causing misery.

Even the hardest and oldest of callous can be erased by a steady application of liquid cuticle remover, after a foot soaking, and a gentle rubbing with pumice stone or the softest of emery boards. Do not attempt ever to cut away a callous at one time—remove it gradually.

If you do suffer with callouses it would pay you to investigate various shoe lasts. Properly fitting shoes which give your feet adequate support should not permit a callous to form unless you have acquired poor walking habits and turn on your feet instead of landing on them squarely. If that is the case exercise daily in your bare feet around a room until you train your feet to walk correctly.

A Relieving Treatment

When your feet rebel against shoe restrictions, or are fatigued from much use, try this relieving treatment. Fill one basin with hot water in which is dumped one cup of epsom salts. In another basin have cold water. Soak your feet first in the hot bath, then chill them in the cold water. Thus alternate dunkings until every pain and ache has been drawn out. If you are very rushed you may apply a stimulating foot lotion

directly after these dunkings, but it is better for you to first brush your feet vigorously with soap and hot water—not forgetting the soles. Such a brushing is most invigorating and our feet get too few of them.

I am convinced that every woman should have on hand a bottle of specially mixed foot lotion. Such a lotion contains healing and soothing ingredients which the normal run of hand or face creams cannot boast.



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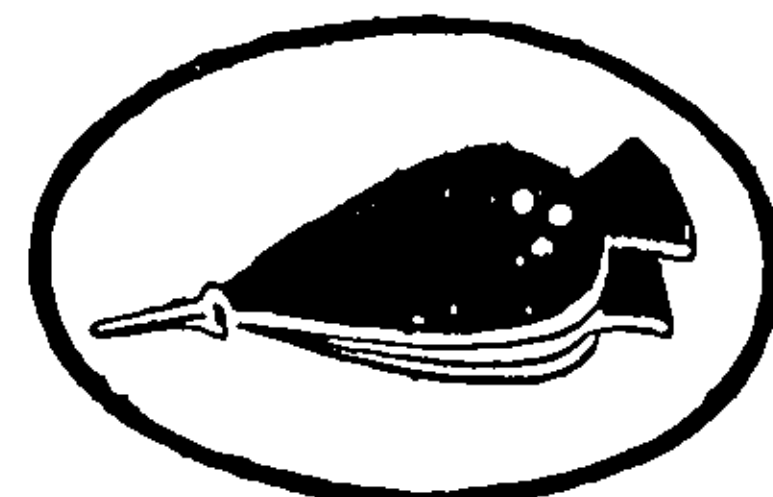


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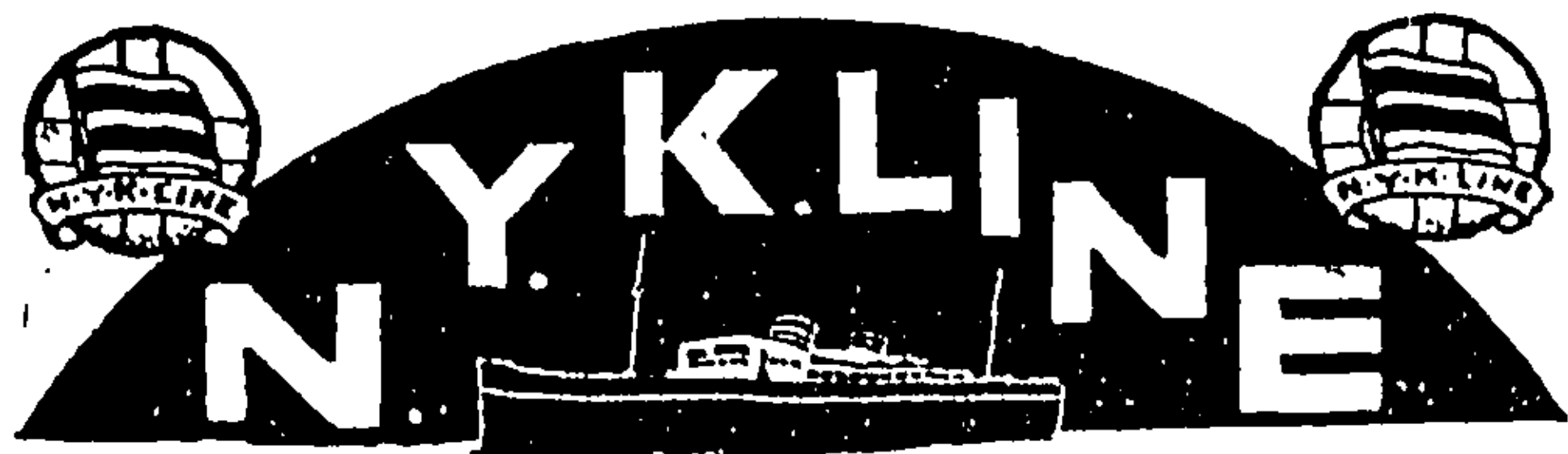
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1st Mov.: Grave—Allegro molto o con brlo.
2nd Mov.: Adagio cantabile.
3rd Mov.: Rondo Allegro.
Wilhelm Kempff (Piano).
6.51 p.m.—Two Songs by Alexander Kipnis (Bass).
Verrat, Op. 105, No. 5 (Lemcke—Brahms).
Ah die Nachtigall, Op. 45, No. 4 (Holly—Brahms).
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.45 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."
7.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme with Easie Ackland (Contralto).
The Gypsy Baron—Selection (Joh Strauss).
George Boulanger and his Orch. My Creed (Lockton—Carne).
Break, Fairest Dawn (Handel, arr. Ochs).
Easie Ackland (Contralto) with Orch.
Dream Serenade (Boulanger, arr. Satow).
When I Am Happy—Waltz (Boulanger).
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Easie Ackland (Contralto) with Organ.
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State Opera Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.05 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
The Last Letter Waltz (Reggov).
Twinkling Lights—Waltz Melodies (Zeller).
In Dreamy Night Waltz (Ziehrer).
Orchestra Mascotte.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
9.15 p.m.—Eddie Peabody (Banjo) and Len Green (Piano).
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave Only).
9.45 p.m.—Plantation Songs.
Camptown Races, Uncle Ned, Ring de Banjo.
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My Old Kentucky Home (Foster).
Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orch.
Nellie Bly: Hard Times Come Again No More: Oh! Susanna.
Massa's in de Cold, Cold Ground.
Frank Luther and the Lyn Murray Quartet.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.
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AID TO BRITAIN BY THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES

THE CONTRIBUTION made to the war effort by a quarter million adult foreign refugees in Britain was described by the Bishop of Chichester in a broadcast yesterday.

These men and women, the Bishop said, fled to Britain because they could not tolerate life under the Nazi regime and because they wanted to help England as the only country left in Europe that could lead them back to freedom.

"There are scores of ways in which the help of these German and Austrian refugees is being given. About 2,000 are serving as soldiers in the Pioneer Corps.

"Women are being welcomed as members of the A.F.S. and under Government training schemes men and women are going into factories and are engaged in national training to help the war effort.

"Over a thousand are employed in agricultural work where they are doing so well that farmers are calling out more and more of this refugee labour.

Flame Of Culture

"There are also doctors, dentists, nurses and clergy all helping. In addition we have some 250 picked scholars using their brains for the promotion of learning in Britain. "There is besides a body of artists, musicians and writers helping to keep the flame of culture alive."

The Bishop added he would like to see refugee writers and political workers systematically used to encourage opposition in Germany itself, to show the German people the falseness of Hitler and to recall them to their true spiritual leaders. — British Wireless.

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Plan To Boycott All Post-War Axis Sport Takes Concrete Form

"Never Again" Association Formed In England

Distinguished Names On Committee

NO SUBJECT EVER RAISED in the 22 years I have preached from this rostrum has drawn so much correspondence as my proposed "Never again" club.

It all began with this brief comment on the bombing of the Centre Court, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

"I hope that the doors of Wimbledon will never again in my time be opened to a German. And the same goes for all our sporting events."

"We must start a 'Never Again' club, the membership pledge being to boycott after the war all sporting events in which the entries of Germans and Italians (who are only fit to play with each other) have been accepted. This to go especially for Olympic Games and all other sporting internationals."

The snowball grew into an avalanche. It spread, as it had to, outside the domain of sport and became an instant demand by a vast public for organised expression on broader lines than I had in mind.

Floodtide

Sir Robert Vansittart's series of broadcasts further fanned the flame, and the culmination has been the formation of a "Never Again" association, which, within a few days of its launching, has enrolled thousands of members. Long before the day of reckoning it will be hundreds of thousands. Millions, is a possibility.

The many who have written to me since I first broke the subject in the autumn asking impatiently for action will now understand why I delayed returning to the subject.

The number of well-known men with no political interests, including several well-known sports leaders, were determined national expression should be given to the feeling about the Nazi untouchables.

They laid the foundation stones of a well-organised association, and the response has been immediate and astonishing.

Intensive Sports Drive

I note among the names of the distinguished Provisional Committee that of Major A. Whitley Lavarack, M.C., honorary secretary of the English Golf Union and European Golf Association, and a well-known football leader who was one of the pioneer members.



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TENNIS LEAGUE OPENING

By "Adrem"

One of the First Division League tennis matches scheduled for to-day has been postponed and only two matches will mark the opening of the 1941 tennis season.

I have been unable to secure the line-ups in the C.R.C.-University fixture but I understand that neither W. C. Hung nor Paul Kong, two of the registered players, will be turning out.

University, I think, are somewhat affected by Volunteer duties but they should be able to turn out a pretty useful side, with most of their best players appearing.

K.C.C. will be without Teddy Fincher, who will be Volunteering, and Guest and Grose, two players registered for Second Division, will be turning out against Cricket Club. With Goldman and Pagh appearing as the H.K.C.C. first-string, the latter team should be fairly powerful this season and I shall not be surprised if they win this afternoon.

The Recrio-South China match has been postponed, as members of the former team will be Volunteering, and will be played tomorrow.

Following is to-day's programme and some of the teams:

C.R.C. v H.K.U.T.C.
H.K.C.C. v K.C.C.

H.K.C.C. I. Goldman and M. Pagh; T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould; C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell.

K.C.C. A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose; A. Crawford and S. A. Gray; E. F. Fincher and G. C. Burnett.

RANGERS WIN CUP FINAL

A crowd of 60,000 saw Rangers, who scored twice in the last four minutes, beat Hearts 4-2 to retain the Scottish Association Football Cup at Hampden Park on Saturday.

The Rangers' forwards were strong and thrustful. Venters and Smith scored within the first 20 minutes.

Hearts had some great attacking spells but finished weakly though Hamilton scored five minutes before half-time.

Hearts made a spirited defence in the second half. Hamilton equalised for them in the 25th minute after which there were equal mid-field exchanges until Thornton and Johnstone scored for Rangers in the closing minutes. Reuter.

SATURDAY'S BOWLS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Following were Saturday's League lawn bowls results:—

First Division

RECREIO "A" (2)	74	POLICE R.C. (1)	49
CRAIGENGOWER (3)	88	KOWLOON C.C. (0)	41
CIVIL SERVICE (1)	42	RECREIO "B" (2)	62
INDIAN R.C. (2)	61	KOWLOON B.G.C. "A" (1)	60
KOWLOON DOCK (1)	46	KOWLOON B.G.C. "B" (2)	58

Second Division

RECREIO (1)	64	PRISON OFFICERS (2)	73
HONG KONG C.C. (0)	43	KOWLOON TONG (3)	89
KOWLOON C.C. (2)	57	HONG KONG F.C. (1)	50
TAIKOO (1)	50	CRAIGENGOWER (2)	62

Third Division

CRAIGENGOWER (1)	47	INDIAN R.C. (2)	66
KOWLOON B.G.C. (1)	54	KOWLOON F.C. (2)	63
HONG KONG F.C. (2)	57	RECREIO (1)	49
POLICE R.C. (2)	80	H.K. ELECTRIC (1)	33

Figures in brackets denote rink wins.

Skips Tables

FOLLOWING IS THE RECORD OF THE SKIPS IN THE THREE DIVISIONS OF THE LEAGUE:—

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	3	3	0	0	79	43	36	0	6
A. P. Gutierrez (Rec. "B")	3	3	0	0	73	40	33	0	6
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C. "A")	3	3	0	0	72	41	31	0	6
R. F. Luz (Rec. "A")	3	3	0	0	69	45	24	0	6
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	3	3	0	0	68	45	23	0	6
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	3	3	0	0	71	54	17	0	6
C. S. Rosset (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	71	42	29	0	4
B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	79	54	25	0	4
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C. "B")	3	2	0	1	72	56	16	0	4
J. J. Baeo (Rec. "B")	3	2	0	1	60	48	12	0	4
J. X. Silva (Rec. "A")	3	2	0	1	56	47	9	0	4
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C. "A")	3	2	0	1	56	48	8	0	4
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	3	2	0	1	63	56	7	0	4
C. S. Range (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	1	1	58	53	5	0	3
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	58	59	0	1	2
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	52	53	0	1	2
L. Guy (K.B.G.C. "B")	3	1	0	2	58	60	0	2	2
A. R. Dal'ah (I.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	52	55	0	3	2
M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	50	60	0	10	2
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	51	62	0	11	2
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	3	1	0	2	51	63	0	12	2
T. A. Madar (K.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	58	71	0	13	2
J. McKelvie (K.B.G.C. "B")	3	1	0	2	48	65	0	17	2
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	45	71	0	26	2
W. Mar (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	48	77	0	29	2
J. Fraser (K.C.C.)	3	0	1	2	46	67	0	21	1
G. S. Sherriff (K.B.G.C. "A")	3	0	0	3	51	68	0	17	0
E. G. Post (P.R.C.)	3	0	0	3	46	67	0	21	0
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	3	0	0	3	38	74	0	35	0
T. Coeman (K.D.R.C.)	3	0	0	3	31	86	0	56	0
Totals	90	44	2	44	1780	1730	275	275	90

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
A. J. Kew (K. Tong)	3	3	0	0	80	38	42	0	6
J. L. Stephens (K. Tong)	3	2	1	0	78	54	24	0	5
W. V. Field (K.F.C.)	3	2	0	0	66	34	32	0	4
P. Youngusband (K.F.C.)	3	2	0	0	40	27	13	0	4
C. Gow and (P.O.C.)	3	2	0	1	86	49	37	0	4
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	66	46	20	0	4
T. L. Lock (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	62	51	11	0	4
W. J. Bagley (P.O.C.)	3	2	0	1	71	69	2	0	4
R. S. Meadows (K.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	63	60	3	0	4
A. Jillett (P.O.C.)	3	2	0	1	67	63	0	6	4
W. J. Howard (K. Tong)	3	1	1	1	67	58	11	0	3
N. MacFarlane (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	1	1	53	49	4	0	3
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	3	1	1	1	55	62	0	7	3
A. Steven (K.C.C.)	3	1	1	1	53	63	0	10	3
O. P. Remedios (Recrio)	3	1	1	1	53	66	0	13	3
W. McRoe (T.D.R.C.)	2	1	0	1	45	33	12	0	2
W. Gill (H.K.F.C.)	2	1	0	1	33	36	0	3	2
J. C. Chalmers (T.D.R.C.)	2	1	0	1	34	40	0	6	2
A. W. Brown (H.K.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	30	42	0	12	2
J. A. Remedios (Recrio)	3	1	0	2	47	60	0	13	2
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	67	80	0	13	2
J. R. Scars (Recrio)	3	1	0	2	67	80	0	13	2
A. Brookbank (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	32	0	17	0
W. Simpson (K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
F. Goodwin (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	36	57	0	21	0
G. E. Cosello (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	30	54	0	24	0
J. A. Watson (T.D.R.C.)	2	0	0	2	21	58	0	37	0
H. V. Pearce (H.K.F.C.)	3	0	0	3	39	58	0	19	0
Totals	72	33	6	33	1431	1431	212	212	72

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
A. M. Wahab (I.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	50	25	25	0	4
C. F. Needham (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	40	30	20	0	4
E. S. Abraham (H.K.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	43	31	12	0	4
K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	2	2	0	0	44	37	7	0	4
J. C. Alken (P.R.C.)	3	2	0	1	72	46	26	0	4
A. Q. Madar (I.R.C.)	3	2	0	1	64	48	16	0	4
J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	3	2	0	1	67	53	14	0	4
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	3	2	0	1	69	52	7	0	4
R. Ogden (K.F.C.)	3	2	0	1	66	61	5	0	4
M. F. Alarson (Recrio)	3	2	0	1	62	63	0	1	4
B. Evans (K.F.C.)	3	2	0	1	53	55	0	2	4
J. MacDonald (P.R.C.)	3	1	1	1	60	38	22	0	3
S. M. Bumjahn (I.R.C.)	3	1	1	1	62	60	2	0	3
L. Gaddi (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	28	20	8	0	2
A. Nisim (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	24	18	6	0	2
W. A. Gornell (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	15	5	0	2
J. B. Groy (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	19	15	4	0	2
L. de Reme (H.K.F.C.)	2	1	0	1	43	41	2	0	2
H. Nish (K.B.G.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	36	0	1	2
G. S. Ladd (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	58	0	1	2
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	45	51	0	6	2
M. A. Carvalho (Recrio)	3	1	0	2	55	64	0	9	2
P. C. Morgan (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	37	63	0	26	2
A. J. Coolidge (O.D.C.)	3	1	0	2	22	23	0	1	0
N. P. Karanjia (C.O.C.)	1	0	0	1	17	20	0	3	0
B. A. Mansell (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	20	0	5	0
C. E. Gahagan (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	29	0	15	0
A. McKellar (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	6	36	0	30	0
J. K. Sloan (H.K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
G. E. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	2	0	0	2	34	56	0	22	0
J. Pau (C.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	21	53	0	32	0
A. F. Paul (H.K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	48	64	0	16	0
P. A. Yvanovich (Recrio)	3	0	0	3	48	64	0	16	0
Totals	72	35	2	35	1374	1374	186	186	72

PECULIAR NAMES IN SPORT

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Charles Dickens knew the answer. So does Damon Runyan.

"I've always suspected that the man who made the neat-get-away with the Crown Jewels only traded under the name of Blood, with the Colonel thrown in for luck, and that his real name was Postlethwaite, or Popjoy, or even Cohen, writes a correspondent from London.

Sporting men have rarely risen to the possibilities of colourful nomenclature. Boxers have tried without much imagination, and all-in wrestlers with too much, but professional footballers and cricketers are generally content to battle on with the label pinned on them by short-sighted parents.

The Sunderland of Buchan's day had a winger named Death who was so quick off the mark 'tis said they had to close the gates at Roker to keep him in the ground. But he wasn't christened Sudden.

And it was not until a contemporary who bore the name of a distinguished performer in a smelter public office joined Death in the Gillingham forward line that the Ellis Death partnership became known as the Hangman Wing.

Boozer's Gloom

Almost unnoticed there was once an important League match played in which the winning team's goalkeeper was Cann and the loser's Cant, but you couldn't have improved on Wrigglesworth for an elusive winger. It probably added £2,000 to the fee when the Wolverhampton manager, Major Buckley, put him up for transfer.

Which, somewhere, brings me to my news that Alf Chapman's grand old gentleman, Boozer's Gloom, is back in training again after a successful leg operation.

Now that's a name, gentlemen. It just had to win races. I bet, it most times out, and it generally pays a dividend.

Bought After A Celebration

With a mother called Take a Glass it would have been perfect if the sire had been Hangover and not an aristocratic Gainsborough.

But Boozer's Gloom, if not named after an owner's night out, he was a Colonel McAlmont two-year-old. Stockbridge trained, does now belong to a licensee, and was bought at the Star and Garter, Windsor, after a celebration. Here's the story.

How It Happened

Mr. Chapman had backed his own horse Buck of Berks to win a fortune, but Boozer's Gloom beat him easily. Next time out, with a big pull in the weights, Buck of Berks just beat the other.

But by now Mr. Chapman had formed a high opinion of Boozer's Gloom, and when that evening at the Star and Garter the Lewes trainer, Jock Langlands, mentioned there was an offer for him from the Russian Government Mr. Chapman sat up and took notice.

He made a bid, and included in the offer a gentleman's agreement that Jock should always train the horse.

The deal with clinched, and Boozer's Gloom won ten races for his new owner.

The Other Gordon

Each morning, like the sober gent he is, The Boozer goes for a lone country walk from his farm near Ongar.

At a certain spot he pokes his head over the hedge, neighs a courteous good morning to an old friend, and then gallops straight home by himself—never late for lunch.

Strange how The Boozer has been linked with trade associations.

About a year ago he was often ridden at exercise by Alf Gordon, one of the most successful English jockeys to ride on the Continent, and now a popular mine host at Selsey Bill.

Gordon rode over 500 winners while abroad. He won the last Danish Derby at Copenhagen, and can give you plenty of evidence of insidious Nazi activities in that country, even in racing, in the months preceding the invasion.

Boastful, Bashful, And Brazen

Coming back to names, there is a much-talked-about product of

BAD PERFORMANCES AT ATHLETIC MEET

Army beat the Chinese by 32 points to 22 in the athletic match at Caroline Hill Stadium yesterday.

Performances were on the poor side, and even Pte. Lever of Middlesex could do no better than 158 ft. 5½ ins. with the javelin, though he threw the discus 114 ft. 1 5/8 ins.

The high jump produced a best performance of only 5 ft. 4 ins. and the long jump a best leap of 20 ft. 4 ins.

Brig J. T. W. Reeve, D.S.O., presented, at the conclusion of the sports, the Chuk Hung Athletic Cup to Lt. Pollock, Captain of the Army team. The Cup was presented by Mr. Ko Chuk-hung to be kept for one year by the winning team.

Mr. Tseng King-hong, Manager of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation team, and Mr. Mok Hong, Chairman of the Federation, also spoke at the presentation ceremony.

400 Metres Relay:—1, Army (Sgt. March, Gnr. Perry, Gnr. Rocha and

Pole Vault:—1, Chinese (Chu Fook-sing and Fong Chi-hung); 2, Army (Hav./Maj. Kundan Singh and Pte. Thomas). Height, 20.4 metres.

Throwing the Javelin:—1, Army (Capt. Skipwith and Pte. Lever); 2, Chinese (Lo Shun-shak and Tak Chun). Distance, 90.3 metres.

1,500 Metres Team Relay:—1, Army (Hav. Mohammed Ali, N.K. Sardara Singh, L/N K. Bardh Singh and Gnr. Johndan Singh); 2, Chinese (Cheung Kat-pui, Chan Shiu-wai, So Pak-sing and Leung Lai-ying). Time, 4 mins. 38.3/5 secs.

1,000 Metres Relay:—1, Army (L/Cpl. Cocks, L/Cpl. McGrady, Pte. Goodair and Pte. Williams); 2, Chinese (Cheung Chau, Sin Kwok-bun, Lui Chan-lau and Lam Kwok-leung). Time, 3 mins. 48.2/5 secs.

High Jump:—1, Chinese (Lam Hung-loy and Chang Chun-gun); 2, Army (Capt. Skipwith and Gnr. Chadra Bhan Singh). Height, 10.7 metres.

5,000 Metres Relay:—1, Army (Hav. Karan Bahsh, Gnr. Likman Khan, Gnr. Sohan Sing and L/N Mohammed Shariff); 2, Chinese (Li Yuk-fong, Chau Shui-wai, So Pak-sing and Leung Lai-ying). Time, 5 mins. 4 secs.

Long Jump:—1, Army (L/N. Nath Shingara Singh and Gnr. Halden Ali); 2, Chinese (Tam Hoi-chuen and Leung Man-sing). Distance, 26.8 metres.

THE WINNING HIT!

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MUSSOLINI IN ROLE OF THE KING-MAKER

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A B.B.C. broadcast picked up in New York quoted a Rumanian radio station as announcing that Germany has begun transporting infantry on board ships in Rumanian Black Sea ports through the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, presumably headed for Syria and Iraq. —International News Service.

22 NAZI 'PLANES DESTROYED

TWENTY-TWO NAZI AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED BY THE R.A.F. IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN OPERATIONS ON SATURDAY NIGHT RANGING THROUGH CYRENAICA, GREECE, IRAQ, ABYSSINIA, THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE AND CRETE, ACCORDING TO YESTERDAY'S R.A.F. CAIRO COMMUNIQUE.

In addition 20 Junkers 52's were seen to be hit at Hassani aerodrome, in Greece.

Twenty vehicles were destroyed by fire near Capuzzo. —Reuter.

Croatian Farce Carried Through

FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT of the nomination of the Duke of Spoleto to the throne of Croatia, the Croat delegation attended at the Palazzo Venezia for the signature of military and frontier agreements with Italy.

Before the signature Pavelitch and Mussolini appeared four times on the balcony, to be cheered by the crowd, after which Mussolini insisted that the Croats should appear a fifth time by themselves.

The agreements were then signed by Mussolini and Pavelitch in the presence of Ciano and the Croat delegation, including the Secretary of the Oustachi (terrorist) organisation.

The documents comprising the treaty define the frontiers between Italy and Croatia, a military agreement in regard to the Mediterranean coastal zone, a treaty of guarantee and collaboration, a final protocol and an exchange of letters between the heads of the two Governments.

Under the frontier agreement the port of Susak, near Fiume, is to be Italy's though it lies in Croatia. The next port down the coast, Kraljevica, is included in Croatia.

The coast of Croatia will include the port of Sebenico, in Dalmatia. —Reuter.

"Of Roman Strength"

The new kingdom of Croatia is to be developed into a state of "Roman strength," Mussolini announced yesterday.

He made this declaration at a luncheon to Croat delegates following the Duke of Spoleto's nomination as King of Croatia.

The Duce described the Croatian oustachi (terrorist organisation) as "the armed guard of the Croat revolution" and paid a warm tribute to Pavelitch as leader of that organisation. —Reuter.

No Confirmation

Reports that the Duke of Spoleto, nephew of the King of Italy, has accepted the crown of Croatia, which the Italian Royal House has instituted, are not confirmed in London and the whole affair is treated as being of little significance.

Attention is, however, again drawn to a message to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs by the Yugoslav Minister, containing a strongly worded condemnation of the action of the Axis powers in attempting to cut off a portion of Yugoslav territory and in purporting to set up a so-called free Croatian state.

The message affirmed that this "completely unjustifiable proceeding" grossly violates the true feelings of the Yugoslav people in general and of the Croatian population in particular. —British Wireless.

TYPICAL NAZI CANARD

In their anxiety to discredit Britain in the eyes of the world, particularly in Greece, it is stated authoritatively in London that the Germans have invented a story which their Trans-Ocean news service has given to the world.

The fabrication says that Sir Michael Palairet, British Minister formerly in Athens, was going to Palestine and had said that all future communications between the British and Greek Governments would be transacted through the Greek Legation in London.

Authoritative quarters in London says there is no word of truth in the allegation. Normal diplomatic relations are being maintained between the British Government and her ally, the Greek Government. —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Twelve cases of cholera — four from Kowloon, three from Victoria, two from Shau-kiwan, two imported and one from the New Territories — 31 cases of tuberculosis, three of enteric fever, and one each of diphtheria and dysentery, were notified to the Health Authorities during the week-end.

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